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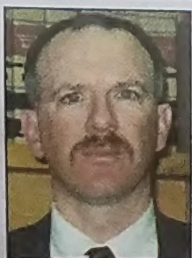
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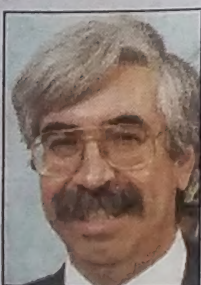
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PLAN 2000 FLSA SETTLED

★ ★ ★ by Ted Hunt ★ ★ ★

FLSA has been settled. It wasn't an accident. It took a lot of very hard work and long hours. It was a team effort between attorney Greg Petersen and his staff, the League Directors, many League Delegates and League staff and some City officials.

A letter will be sent directly to you by the Petersen Law Firm giving you more details about the settlement. Because there are over 6,300 plaintiffs, it will take some time to process and mail this information to you. We will also keep you updated regularly on the League message line which is 213-368-7288 or 213-368-7277. You can also check our Web page which is www.LAPD.com.

Yogi Berra used to say that if you don't know where you are going, you may never get there. So, when I became President of the League last August, we immediately established five primary goals.

By establishing these clear concise goals, we developed a road map of where we are going. The goals are to 1) Settle FLSA; 2) Get a great contract; 3) Improve legal representation and change the 1.28 system; 4) Bring back Compressed Work Schedule; 5) Get Binding Arbitration signed into law.

This is a huge step forward. It accomplishes 20 percent of our Year 2000 goals. Thanks for all of your help. You did a great job. **FLSA HAS BEEN SETTLED.**

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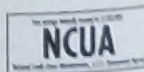
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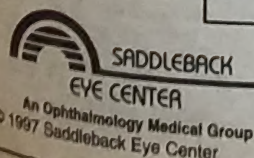
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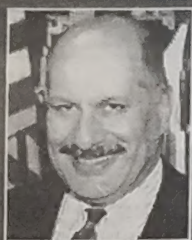
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DENNIS P. ZINE, VICE PRESIDENT

Are Off-Duty Work Permits Now in Jeopardy?

With so many controversial issues brewing within the Department and consuming much of our attention, I have a very strange and unusual situation I need to bring to your attention to demonstrate just how bizarre and crazy some of the Department's administrators have become. In this specific situation, a 13-year veteran uniform officer with an exemplary work record and personnel package was denied the renewal of his off-duty work permit for plain clothes security at a public school. The officer has never been IOD, has only used 10 sick days during his entire 13-year career and has only had one minor-personnel complaint eight years ago. When the officer questioned his captain about the work permit denial, he was

Associate Organizations Form New Alliance

The new year has brought about a new and exciting level of cooperation with all Department Association Organizations. Representatives from OJB, LaLey, Golden State Peace Officers, Emerald Society and other associations all attended the kickoff luncheon sponsored by the League. With new leadership in many of the organizations, this was an opportune time to form a united alliance as we enter formal contract negotiations.

The organizations will meet quarterly and coordinate positive and productive programs for all Department members. I am pleased to chair this committee.

Inauguration

Congratulations to my fellow Directors and Divisional Delegates who were



Councilman Mike Feuer with League and Associate Organizations after City Council approved \$1.5 million revolving training fund.

offered a flimsy excuse. Following the denial, the officer contacted me and an appeal was filed. The appeal is continuing through the levels of review and has not yet been resolved. If anyone else has been denied the renewal of their off-duty work permit, please contact me so I can determine if the Department is *inappropriately* taking away one more opportunity for you to earn extra income to provide for your family and enhance your lifestyle.

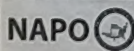
all sworn into office by Federal Judge Harry Pregerson. On January 11, 2000, 325 people attended the first annual inauguration dinner which was emceed by KFWB reporter and honorary League member Dirck Morgan. Legendary KTLA television reporter Stan Chambers was the keynote speaker and captivated the guests with his historical views of Los Angeles and the LAPD. A

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Are We One of the Best?

Recently I read another infamous *Los Angeles Times* article dated February 3, 2000. The article dealt with the Chief of Police and Chief Deputy City Attorney Tim Osler, briefing the City Council on the Rampart scandal in closed session. The article stated how shocked the City Council was over the estimated litigation cost of settling lawsuits stemming from the Rampart Scandal. The article also inferred a blame to the Rampart scandal. According to the article, sources said that the Chief of Police, for the first time, told the Council that the rapid expansion of the police force, a central goal of Mayor Richard Riordan's administration, may have contributed to the problems at Rampart. The article continued and stated according to sources, Parks asserted, "In an effort to meet hiring goals, young and inexperienced officers were hired in a short period taxing the Department's efforts to train them and provide them with adequate supervision."

The article then documented some facts that Riordan was elected in 1993 and that LAPD's ranks have increased from 7,400 officers to approximately 9,400 officers. I took issue with the article, as I do with most *Los Angeles Times* articles dealing with the scandal. First, why would the Chief of Police, without facts or documentation make such a blanket speculative statement? I

was informed by the Chief's Office that the Chief of Police's statement was taken completely out of context and he was incensed at the article. The second issue is the facts of the Rampart scandal don't support the inference that officers hired after 1993 are less qualified.

The facts are: Perez and other alleged officers involved in the scandal were hired prior to 1993.

This article is still another example of the mud that is being thrown at this Department by the news media regarding the Rampart scandal. As a Director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League and representing over 9,000 officers, I deal with a lot of other police and sheriff departments across California and the U.S. and, in spite of the scandal, we are still recognized as one of the finest police departments in the U.S. Yes, I believe we are one of the finest police departments. I take issue with the news media based on pure speculation without facts that a group of our members hired after a certain year are less qualified than others. I also hope that the Chief of Police publicly takes issue with his statements being taken out of context. I have been on the Department for over 25 years and have been involved in and worked through numerous scandals that this Department has dealt with. As in the past, we will get through this one; we will learn from it and we will put it behind us, then

the media will have to scurry around to find other issues to write about.

MOU Negotiations

I have been chosen by President Ted Hunt to be one of the negotiators on the negotiating team for our new MOU in July of 2000. I will be part of what I believe to be an excellent negotiating team. The team will be comprised of myself, Directors Mitzi Grasso and Rick Wells, and our General Counsel Hank Hernandez. I believe each one of us brings an expertise to the table that makes us a very well-rounded team.

The challenge will be great as we enter into negotiations. However, as I stated in my prior article, I believe we are one of the best, and to be one of the best means you have to have excellent benefits. If you do not, you will lose the best to other Departments. Some of our top concerns will be pay, modified work schedules, discipline, IOD, and pension benefits. This team has been meeting and articulating a game plan to obtain a lucrative contract and I am confident as a team that we will prevail.

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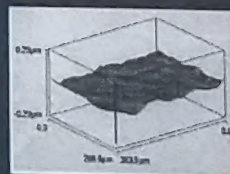
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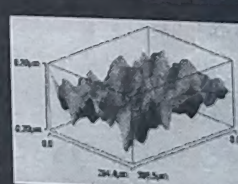
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New MOU Contract Update

During January, I received dozens of telephone calls about the upcoming contract. A large number of our members believe that the Protective League has already begun negotiations with the city and the Department. Some of our members have also expressed their concern regarding why we are unwilling to put certain items on the table for negotiations. It is obvious from these conversations that the LAPD rumor mill is up and running once more.

Ten months ago, the Board of Directors assembled Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Research & Evaluation Team 2000 for the upcoming contract. The team, selected from Protective League delegates, consisted of Police Officer II Barbara Carranza, Police Officer III Corina A. Draper, Sergeants Robert Smith and Gary W. Fredo, Sergeant II Kevin McClure, De-

tective II Tom Anderson, Detective III Jack Cota and Lieutenant II Randy K. Quan. These dedicated volunteers sought to represent the needs of our entire membership. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to each of these individuals for their sacrifice and support of every member of the LAPD.

The role of the Research & Evaluation Team 2000 was to define labor issues, collect information, assess research, analyze data and then disseminate their findings to a negotiation team consisting of League Directors. Their tireless efforts to compile the necessary information needed for a negotiation team to go to the bargaining table, included reviewing the existing MOU for changes, plus salary formulas, exploring compressed work schedules, pensions and other benefits. In an effort to prioritize the needs of our membership, MOU surveys were circulated, which further clarified the positions

that would be represented by the negotiation team.

In response to many of you, the negotiation team has *not* gone to the contract table with the City and Department as yet. When the negotiation team does go to the bargaining table, for our new contract, they will face representatives from the Department and the City Administrative Office (CAO). The Chief of Police will have his representative negotiate non-economic issues, such as work hours, discipline, etc. This normally takes up the majority of the time at the table. Concurrently, the negotiation team will address economic issues with the CAO chief negotiator. After the money issues are agreed upon at the negotiation table, the Mayor and City Council must approve the total package. It is hoped the negotiation team will be sitting down at the contract table by the first week of March.

Our proposed contract is different from the last. The City and the Department have found themselves in a difficult position. They currently cannot find enough qualified recruits for the police academy. The system of discipline and the corruption probe in Rampart Division have channeled Department resources away from the basic service needs of our communities. In addition, the reputation of the City and the Department has dropped to an all-time low. And, with the hosting of the upcoming Democratic National Convention in August, the need for a timely settlement of our labor contract is imperative.

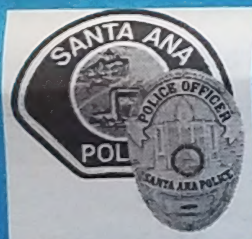
As most of you know, Deployment Period 8ABC has been reserved for the Department's response to the needs of the Democratic National Convention. This event is extremely important to the City because it will generate bil-

lions of dollars for the travel-related industries, small businesses, substantial tax revenues and future commerce in Los Angeles. During the weeks prior to and during the event, thousands of media representatives will be beaming reports via satellite and the Internet throughout the nation and the world. Los Angeles will be on display for all to see. Many of you have already sacrificed your summer plans and will undoubtedly be inconvenienced further by working long hours in positions outside your normal assignments. Our role during August must also be factored into our contract negotiations. The last thing the City and Department want are any dark clouds on the horizon.

As the negotiating team moves closer to the bargaining table, it is critical to the process that all aspects of the negotiations, remain confidential. A successful conclusion to labor negotiations mandates that both sides be sensitive to each other's concerns. Your Protective League has sought from the beginning to perform labor negotiations according to the highest ethical standards. This has been demonstrated by the hard work of Research & Evaluation Team 2000. The leaking of information, rumor, conjecture and speculation weakens our position and can bring a halt to these proceedings. Most of you want to know how much money we want and what item we will ask for. We want you to have that information as soon as possible, but your negotiation team wants it in the form of a signed contract.

Please continue to communicate your concerns to me. We will advise you of our progress on 2020 and the *Blue Line*. Be safe out there.

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The other day I was informed that the Department was going to vigorously pursue all accusations of civil rights violations. I am not sure exactly what that means but it sounds to me like more investigations with much more serious overtones. Does this imply that the Department is not currently investigating accusations of civil rights violations? Whatever the case is you need to arm yourself against such threats to your career and freedom. We talk about officer safety all the time and the men and women of our Department are tactically superior to other law enforcement agencies in this country but how do we rate when it comes to protecting ourselves against civil and criminal lawsuits? The sad truth is that we don't do such a great job in that area and we should.

To start with, every officer needs to know and understand the laws that we enforce. It is not enough that we simply know what a law says. We need to understand how it was intended to be used.

We then need to know what our Department Manual and Special Orders say and how they are applied. You sign for that Manual and what you are saying is that you know and understand what is in it. The Department then holds you accountable for what is in it. You can be

sure that if you are found to be in violation of that Manual, the excuse that "I didn't know it said that," won't save you from being guilty.

The last thing is to keep great records and reports. This is where we often fall down. The feeling is "I caught the bad guy and he is in jail." Wrong! He won't stay there very long if you don't do your job properly and then the bad guy might just turn the tables on you. My suggestion to you is that you carry a tape recorder and you use it on a regular basis. When you exit your vehicle to talk to somebody, you don't leave your gun in the car. Don't leave your tape recorder in the car either. If you have it with you, you will use it. If you use it you will always be cognizant of the fact that you are using it. It might assist you in writing a more accurate report and keep a "bad guy" behind bars for a long time. More to the point, it might save you a tremendous amount of heartache should the "bad guy" decide to make a false complaint against you. Imagine what the Rampart situation would look like today if those officers were all tape recording all contacts with arrestees. If Perez had known that the officers that he was working with had a recording of the arrest and interrogation he would not be in a position to make false allegations in an attempt to save himself.

It's my opinion that only a fraction of what Perez has told investigators has any truth to it, but how do we prove that

something didn't happen? The Department is obviously giving a great deal of credit to Perez, who is sitting in jail telling any story that might save his miserable hide. I wonder if he would implicate his own mother to get out. My gut feeling is that he would. I also wonder if he has been found to not be credible about some of his statements. We never hear about that side of the case.

The bottom line to all of this is arm yourself against criminals such as Rafael Perez. Have the evidence necessary to defend yourself. Many of you have more than just yourselves to look out for don't lose your job or your freedom because you didn't do the things to protect yourself.

When all of these things fail (and they will) the Department will pursue the faintest scent of misconduct. You need REPRESENTATION. Don't think that because "I didn't do anything, if I show up with a Rep they will think I'm guilty." Sad but true, they probably already think you are anyway. With the current climate on our Department and knowing how seemingly simple cases are turning into termination offenses, I would suggest that you consider an attorney as well as a rep. You have the right to an attorney and a rep during an interview. The League has secured a great benefit for its members in the P.O.L.I.C.E. Insurance. We currently do not have a code available to have the payments automatically deducted from your pay; however, it is currently available to those willing to write them a check every month. Hopefully you will all take advantage of this tremendous benefit. To get more information about this program, call 1-888-879-8228.

You don't go into the field without doing everything that you can to be safe. Don't live your life without doing everything you can to be safe. Many of you have families and you all have jobs.

Don't leave yourselves open to complaints that could possibly cost you your job. As you can see, officer safety is a broader issue. Arm yourself.

Switching gears to address another pressing issue, you work for the most prestigious Police Department in the world, yet your pay and benefits don't even rank in the top 20 in our own state. You work under the most oppressive discipline system in the country and when you retire you have one of the worst pension plans available. It should be no surprise to anyone that the Department can't recruit enough quality candidates to fill classes. It should be no surprise to anyone that the Department can't keep the people that they have.

We are currently asking people to join our Department and pay into a pension system but if they leave before they retire, they get nothing back. It must have been thought to be a reason to stay on the Department. The reality is that it's a reason to **not** come to our Department. Other departments in the state and in our surrounding area have great pension systems that put ours to shame. We should have REFUNDABILITY. I don't think it is unreasonable to at least get your own money back if you decide to leave. We should not be trapped into staying on any department, yet that is exactly what our department is attempting to do to officers just starting a new career. This is certainly not an incentive to come to the Los Angeles Police Department.

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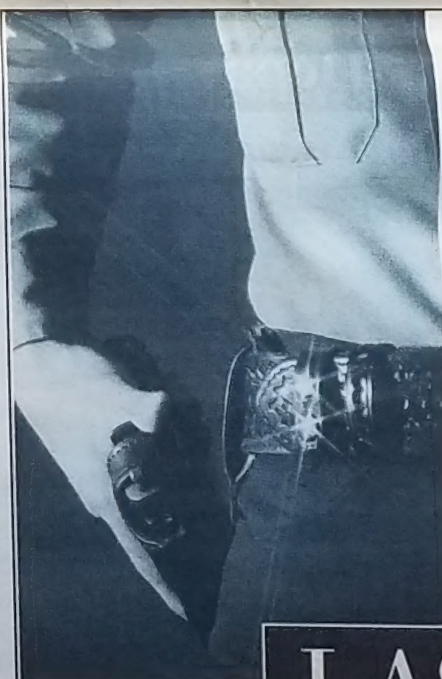
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Yes, LAPD officers make a higher salary than CHP officers, but the fact is now, that a CHP officer who retires with 30 years will take home more money than an LAPD officer with 30 years. Also, CHP retirees receive full health, dental, and vision benefits. CHP officers have a 480-hour CTO bank.

The CHP does not have a Draconian disciplinary system. The CHP does not have TEAMS nor a system that manages by fear and intimidation. CHP Commissioner Spike Helmick is a professional law enforcement leader who is compassionate and works with his officers. There is no FASTRAC.

If you were to become a CHP officer and you decided you didn't like it, you could transfer to other sheriff and police jobs throughout the state that are in CalPERS (state retirement system) and not lose your pension. But those other jobs would have a pension cap of 85%. If you leave LAPD you get no pension contribution refund or portability. LAPD is the only agency in the state

that does not refund a member's pension contributions, so, why would anyone want to join LAPD? The CHP has many jobs in locations throughout the state with environmental quality, affordable housing, short drives to work, and schools where your children won't get mugged.

So, why would I write an article pointing out the positives of being a CHP officer? The Department and the City must realize that if they don't provide parallel benefits with other agencies, they will not be able to attract and retain quality police officers in Los Angeles. I have personally discussed the pension issues with Chief Parks and Commander Doan. They both responded that "the citizens will never approve it." This is an issue that management and the League must work together or face the reality that LAPD will have the worst benefit package of any major law enforcement agency in the state.

Oh, did I mention that CHP officers do not make pension contributions out of their own pocket? The CHP doesn't have a system of sick notes from doctors or sick visits at your house by supervisors. The CHP provides annual leave for new hires of 28 days a year that gives up to 39 days of annual leave for 20-year veterans. Those days off are far superior to what we get on LAPD.

Your League and the Department have a long way to go to bring your benefits in line with those at the CHP and other CalPERS law enforcement agencies. Did I mention that the CHP gets a pension-based lunch pay that averages \$11 a day? The bottom line is that at retirement time, CHP officers now will take home more money than LAPD officers, sergeants and detectives.

The essence of this article is to point out what benefits are available at another large agency. If LAPD does not improve your pension and benefits, you

will have to seriously consider a career change and go to an agency that genuinely cares about its officers and their families. You will soon realize that a career change will also enhance your quality of life. If you have over ten years, you're trapped here. Good luck.

Be careful out there. Plan well for your retirement. Everyone on this job will be a retiree some day. Everyone needs to seriously look beyond today's paycheck and concentrate on tomorrow's pension. Did I mention that L.A. County Deputy Sheriffs can retire at 100%?

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This may be the millennium of representation on LAPD. Requests and questions are pouring in to the League from all directions. In addition to the doubled (almost tripled) number of personnel complaints investigated by the Department since the advent of the 1.28 complaint process, we also have the various aspects of the Perez investigation. At least two task forces, IAD and RHD, are investigating and seem to be following every lead and clue that can be gleaned from any officer who has even driven through Rampart in the last five years. Throw in the normal number of Officer Involved Shooting, Law Enforcement-Related Death investigations and Law Enforcement-Related Injury investigations and it is a wonder that there is anyone out in a police car actually working on crime problems.

It seems, therefore, that this might be a good time to share some thoughts on the subject of representation. Do you want it? Do you need it? Do you qualify for it? Who pays for it?

To Be or Not to Be—Represented

First of all, neither the criminal investigators nor the personnel complaint investigators are obligated to tell you that you have the right to be represented. The demand for representation must come from you. Savvy investigators might mention it to you just to save

time and eliminate the delay caused by an officer showing up at the interview and discovering at the last minute that he or she has the right to a rep. Other investigators quietly hope that the issue will not arise. It is, after all, easier to do an interview without a representative sitting there and potentially complicating things. Be that as it may, it would seem the better path is to face the issue up front. The Department seems to agree:

"With the exception of the usual provisions under Miranda in criminal investigations, you are not obligated to inform officers of their right to a representative. However, in the interest of saving yourself time and appearing fair, it's a good practice to remind officers that they are entitled to a representative when you call them to make the interview appointment; this is especially true for new officers who might not know of their right to representation. Never tell an officer that he/she doesn't need a representative, or that he/she doesn't have a right to a representative!" Personnel Investigations: A Guide for Supervisors. November, 1997, page 33.

That being said, everyone on this job is over the age of 21 and capable of making their own decisions. Why have a rep? After all, you didn't do anything wrong. Unfortunately, al-

though that is helpful, it is not always dispositive.

The simplest answer to the question of why one should have representation is that "two heads are better than one." Especially if one of those heads has some experience and/or training in the discipline field. If nothing else, you get a different perspective on the problem. Again, being over 21, you can take or leave the representative and his or her advice.

A different reason is that the second head is also a witness in the interview. If that hopefully rare, abusive investigator draws you for his or her next victim, things are less likely to get out of hand in front of a witness.

Finally, you get some moral support. At least one other person in the interview is on your side.

Qualifying for Representation

So, you hear warning bells and you decide that you want a representative. Do you qualify?

You qualify for representation whenever a questioning session regarding possible misconduct rises above the counseling stage. Yeah, I know, that's a little vague. Think of it like this: When information is flowing from you instead of to you and there is a possibility that your answers could subject you to disciplinary action, you qualify for a representative. A sergeant chewing your ear off and asking you questions like why are you such an idiot, is a counseling session. Questions about how long you have been an idiot and asking for a list of other idiotic things you have done is probably getting to the interrogation stage.

Remember, you can be as personally innocent as a new born babe, but if you witnessed anything that could be construed as misconduct, you could be guilty of acquiescing and/or failing to report misconduct. It is sadly true that on LAPD there probably are no witnesses. Everyone is a suspect. The Department's hard line on these issues costs management tons of information that might be useful in fending out corruption and uncovering other serious misconduct. Officers with knowledge or suspicions of irregularities that would like to come forward are effectively silenced by Department policy.

Remember too that no one has to tell you that you qualify for a representative. You have to make the request.

Paying for the Representation

LAPD is unique in a lot of ways. One of the more beneficial to the officers is each officer's right to select any other officer of the rank of lieutenant or below as a representative as long as that person is not a material witness in the same complaint. The selected officer is assigned to represent you and does it on duty. This is for personnel actions only and covers representation in the interview as an Employee Representative; the Skelly, as a Skelly Representative, and the Board of Rights, as a Defense Representative.

Additionally, as a League member, the League will provide you with an attorney if you are involved in an Officer Involved Shooting with a hit or a Law Enforcement-Related Death investigation. Yes, an attorney (usually me or General Counsel Hank Hernandez) will actually get out of bed at 3:00 a.m. and drive to your station to represent you in the scene walk-through and RHD investigation. So will a Defense Representative from the Officer Representation Section. It is good to be a League member.

Attorney representation is always an option in the disciplinary system. The problem is the payment. Any member can be heard in front of the Legal Committee on the issue of attorney representation. There are guidelines that the committee must follow and they make a recommendation to the League's Board of Directors. Another option is to sign up for the League's legal insurance program. Attorney representation is provided for all stages of the personnel complaint including the Board of Rights. If a Board is waived, the insurance company will reimburse you for a certain number of penalty days. Contact the League for details.

So, to recap. You want a rep. You need a rep. You want a rep. You need a rep. You want a rep. You need a rep. Enough said?

These are perilous times requiring us to be vigilant to preserve the rights others have fought so hard for us to enjoy. Keep in mind that what can be done to one can be done to anyone. In furtherance of this philosophy, by the time this article is printed, my Web site should be online. Point your browser at (what else?) www.warningbells.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters may be limited to 350 words or less. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to formally thank the fine men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (active and retired) for attending my graduation.

Thank you so much to the motor officers that took the time to attend. Not only did it mean so much to my family and friends, but just seeing you all there made the difference in my graduation. LAPD motors means the world to me. I know my dad was a happy man being on a bike, especially representing this department. Every time I see a motor on the road I get a chill up my spine, you always look sharp (the boots, jackets, and polished bikes). Most important, you have always been there for me and my family. I don't know what it is, but there is a different mentality, a different sense of humor and a great camaraderie with each other. Something that I want to be a part of someday.

Not only did active motor officers attend my graduation, but many retired officers came from all over--Tom Sawdon, Jim Merrit, Chuck Lavold, Ron Hardeman, Mike Howard, Buzz Camp, John Teetor, Bob Young, Mike Harrington, John Mitchell, Bill Bowen, and Scott Delormo. You guys have been there for me and I want you to know I am always there for you. Over the past few years I have really gotten to know Tom Sawdon, Jim Merrit, Mark Barr, and Randy Shields. You guys are crazy, but in the same sense are a close knit group that only a few people get to be a part of and I thank you for letting me be included. One last thing and you won't hopefully see my name again on the TV or radio, for those that know me, they know I am not interested in publicity or the media. A person that has been there for me since a young age, that has taken up some of the burden of not growing up with a father. Mac Hays has been an inspiration and one of the kindest people I have ever known, a person that would do anything for another. Finally, my stepfather, Norm Jackson and my mother, Sandy Jackson who organized my graduation party and were nice enough to have it at their house. You guys have been extremely supportive of me and been a positive influence in my life. My main concern during the academy was to keep as low profile as I could, but near the end it kind of got a lot of exposure. I hope I didn't take anything away from my other classmates because that wasn't my intention. I just want to get on with my career and be a police officer and serve this city the best I can. Thank you again for all the support and a special thanks to Chief Gates for his attendance, my mother loves you as many others do (as evident at the graduation ceremony).

Thank you Dennis Zine for attending and taking all those pictures. That was real nice of you!

P.S. I know already! My serial number resembles a SS# and you have more time in the break room than I have on the job. Did I miss any others?

Thank you,
Bryce A. Verna, #35391

Ted:

I appreciated attending the swearing-in ceremony and dinner for the installation of the Board of Directors and League Delegates for the year 2000. My compli-

ments to you and your fellow directors for your efforts.

Best wishes with your responsibilities as president. Take care!

Capt. Rich Wemmer

Dear Editor:

One of my friends who is still on the Department, sent me a copy of an article in the *Daily News* (Dec. 19) titled "Valley arrests drop--Are the cops afraid to do their jobs?" I read it with interest. It does not surprise me that LAPD officers are making less arrests. What does surprise me is that they are making any arrests at all.

Commander Dave Kalish was quoted, in this article, that "The vast majority of officers support a strong disciplinary system." I strongly disagree. I did defense rep work my last six years on the Department and what the officers want is a disciplinary system that is fair and unbiased. They don't have that now.

I was horrified when I read Gary Ingmunson's December *Blue Line* Warning Bells article. One of the cases Gary wrote about involved an appellate court decision that a Board of Rights can believe whatever witnesses they want. In this case a gang member made allegations and the board believed him despite the fact that numerous witnesses (including some fellow gang bangers) that said what he alleged, did not happen. No wonder LAPD officers are skittish and that LAPD is having trouble recruiting.

When I was a "boot" back in 1972, I worked with an old time Senior Lead Officer whose motto was, the less you see, the less you do, the less you'll get into trouble. Seems like some things just never change.

Sincerely,
William A. Scheideker, #17576
LAPD Retired

Dear League members:

I have been a member of the Los Angeles Police Protective League for ten years. During my ten years of service, I have never requested the assistance of any League director. I signed up to be a member of the League because at the time, it was a good thing to do and everybody else did it. I really did not know any of the directors personally or participated in any activities involving the League.

On April 20, 1999, while filing a case at the District Attorney's office, I received a page from my doctor's office. Four days earlier I had just had a biopsy done on my left breast and was waiting to hear from the pathologist. I was very reluctant to return that call because I expected the worst news. I returned the page and my doctor insisted that I come to his office right away. I demanded that he tell me over the telephone (police officers can really be very demanding). I kept saying in my mind, "Benign." That was the only word I wanted to hear. The results were in-situ carcinoma, cancer. Although my doctor continued to explain, I could not hear anything else. I had this tremendous lump in my throat and could not swallow. My eyes began to swell with tears and I cried a silent cry. I was unable to get any sound out of my mouth. My heart ached; my head was pounding, and my tears rolled underneath my chin and dripped in my lap. When there was complete silence on the telephone, I told the doctor that I would be in his office first thing in the morning. I

dried my tears, which continued to roll uncontrollably down my face. I told the District Attorney that I had to leave right away and I would send someone else to complete the filing. Approximately one month later, I was scheduled for surgery and have not been back to work since that day.

I would have never thought the next year of my life would be the biggest fight for my life. Work-related stress was nothing compared to an entire year of receiving breast cancer treatment. I underwent two surgeries, seven months of chemotherapy, and I am currently undergoing thirty-three treatments of radiation.

When I needed special assistance, I called League Director Rick Wells. After a long conversation with Rick, I felt as though I discovered a long lost friend. Rick promised to get me the assistance I needed and he delivered. During our conversation, Rick asked me what type of food I liked, and I told him I was a health food nut. The next day I received a basketful of fruit from the Protective League.

Rick and I continued to chat periodically about my treatment and additional resources available to assist me during my recovery. He offered his support and encouraged me to continue fighting. He picked my brain about how the Protective League could better serve officers with long term illnesses. We talked about officers receiving monetary support before reaching fifty percent of their pay. We talked about the importance of having additional insurance such as AFLAC. When I was having problems collecting payment from AFLAC, the Protective League firmly stood behind me and offered support.

When I thought the world had forgotten about me, the Protective League would always send a beautiful basket of treats. I look forward to working closing with Rick in the future regarding long-term illnesses of officers and their family members.

My journey has been long, yet victorious. I will be returning work soon and I look forward to meeting the voice I have spent many hours talking to over the telephone, Rick Wells.

Thank you, Rick Wells, and the Los Angeles Protective League for being there when I needed you. I appreciate your continuous support and leadership.

Very sincerely yours,
Tracey Benjamin

Dear Editor:

I want to thank the many League members who joined hundreds of their colleagues throughout California last year in obtaining P.R.I.D.E. loans. It is very gratifying to know that I have, in some small way, helped your members buy homes they wanted, or refinance their existing loans, on very favorable terms.

There are still some remarkable opportunities available through the P.R.I.D.E. National Home Loan Benefit Program. The Richland Group has done and will continue to do some terrific things to help officers get a new loan or refinance their current loan.

Please give us a call if we can help you with the purchase of a new home or a refinance.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Weiss
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer

Rick:

Just a word of thanks for your help and support in my latest confrontation with the department--my I.D. card--and say thanks to Hank and Ted.

Reading letters in the August *Blue Line*, the letter from Sgt. Rosenberg brought back a long past nightmare.

Sgt. Rosenberg made one erroneous statement "what this department has come to." The Internal Affairs has always been like it is. No matter how things change some things remain the same. Internal Affairs has always had the attitude of win at all cost. They have never been beyond falsifying official documents committing perjury misstating witness statements, etc.

I don't know if it's true, but someone mentioned that a large number of sworn personnel are not members of the League. If this is true then they should read this.

In 1982 there were a few bad seeds committing burglary while on duty in Hollywood Division.

Internal Affairs entered the division with a vengeance, using all of the above tactics and more to involve as many as possible.

In my case they were caught in every act by a very sharp defense rep. But, to win at all cost, they took an extra step and ordered me to allow a third search of my vehicle, home and included other family members' property. I refused and was terminated for insubordination.

I would have been down the road with no recourse without the League. Attorneys are very expensive and demand a fee up front. The attorney fees in my case came to several hundred thousand dollars (which of course the city ended up paying), but the League handled the up-front and legal fees at no interest and no cost to me.

If you don't belong to the League, consider this: if for any reason (political, sex, personality) someone in management decides to eliminate you, the cost could be disastrous.

The dues for the League are minimal. The protection is great. Join now.

Sgt. Roger Gibson, Ret.

Dear Fellow League Members:

In November of 1998 I was diagnosed with complete kidney failure and was placed on dialysis. I was also placed on the national donor list, but I was told the wait could be anywhere from three to five years. Well, fortunately I did not have to wait that long and on December 3, 1999, I underwent the life-saving operation at USC University Hospital with the donor being none other than my sister, Officer Melissa Munguia of Rampart Division. I am happy to say that the operation was a complete success and I am on the road to recovery and anticipate returning to work at Hollenbeck Division very soon. This operation was the culmination of a year that could only be described as complete hell. However, as I said before, the operation was a complete success and the future once again looks bright.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of those who were there for me during this ordeal. I would naturally like to start with my parents, Det. John Munguia of Northeast Division and my mother Cora. There was never a moment when they

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were not there for me and ready to help in any way possible. I know this was not easy for them either, and I thank you both from the bottom of my heart. I also owe a big thank you to Det. Brian Agnew of Narcotics Division for all he did for my family and my sister during this time. Thanks, Brian, we are all grateful to you. I would also like to thank my brother and sister officers at Hollenbeck Division, especially my partner, Officer Maria Roumbos, and the entire Hollenbeck Vice Unit. Thanks for keeping my spirits up and being very sympathetic to my needs for time off and support. I would also like to thank two very good friends who were there for me throughout the entire time I was sick. A big thank you to Officer Chris Martinez of Narcotics Division and Officer Alex Ortiz of Hollenbeck Division for all their support.

During my stay in the hospital I received numerous calls, cards, flowers and visits from various officers. I wish I could list all of you individually but it would take a while. I especially would like to thank Commander Sharon Papa of OCB, Sgt. Mike Apodaca of the Office of the Chief of Police, Officer Charles Rodriguez of Press Relations and the Board of Directors at the Protective League for seeing that all my families' needs were taken care of during the hospital stay. Once again, I want to thank you all for the support and concern you showed. I will always be grateful.

I would like to end by thanking the real "hero" in this ordeal--my sister Melissa. Missy, I don't know how to say thank you for what you did and I don't know how I can ever repay you. How do you say thank you for the "gift of life"? You went above and beyond what you had to do and as they said, you gave me the "ultimate back-up." We shared a special bond before, but now that you are truly a part of me we have something that will never be broken. I am eternally grateful and hope to someday find a way to repay you. I don't know what else to say except that I love you and I will forever be grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Officer John J. Munguia, #27525
Hollenbeck Division

Dear Editor:

For those of you that didn't know, my husband, Officer Mike Partain, suffered a heart attack on December 11, 1999. Mike is doing well and his prognosis looks good. Mike retired from the Department on January 15th of this year, after nearly 25-1/2 years of service. During his time on the job Mike worked a variety of assignments that included motors and Air Support. He last worked at Media Relations.

During the years he made many friends and acquaintances. I had no idea how many until after word of his heart attack spread. We received calls from literally all over the United States. They came from friends, former partners and various police and news media agencies with whom Mike had worked.

Though he experienced some trying times throughout his career, he always kept his sense of humor. He took great pride in his accomplishments and always achieved his goals. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the members of the Los Angeles Police Department Protective League, its staff and Board of Directors. I would also like to extend a special thanks to the following individuals that assisted my family and me during this crisis.

First and foremost I want to thank Lt. Tony Alba (LAPD Ret.), as well as our special friends PSR Linda Evans, Communications Div. and Ms. Bobbi Portz. Thanks also to Chief Bernard Parks and

Sgt. Mike Apodaca. Additionally I want to thank Capt. Ken Hale and Officer Bob Percy as well as the rest of the personnel from Air Support Division: Cmdr. Tim McBride (LAPD Ret.), Ms. Brenda Benton, Officer Charlotte Broughton, Officer Ed Funes, and Officer Jason Lee of Media Relations Section.

There are just too many more people to mention, but you know who you are. We are planning a retirement party for Mike sometime in April and hope to see you there.

Once again, I thank each and every one of you for your help, support, prayers and assistance. God bless all of you.

Sincerely,
Cindy Partain, Wife of Officer
Mike Partain, LAPD, Retired

Ted:

Just a note to let you know how impressed I was with your article in the *Blue Line* on "Plan 2000." As you know, I am a strong believer in strategic planning and you have incorporated those principles as well in LAPPL. It is refreshing to see such forward thinking, one that dwells on goals and serving the membership. You are exactly on target in terms of the training issues, encouragement of education and improving on the professionalism. Your lone mission is unselfish and can only improve a fine organization. You have sown seeds that will reap many rewards for the membership. I salute you and the board for strategic thinking and look forward to your strategic results.

Joe DeLaderanty
L.A. County District Attorney's Office

Dear Editor:

This is an open thank you letter to the people who helped me get through a traumatic and frightening experience. I work AM watch in Foothill Division. On Nov. 21 at 0435, my partner and I received a radio call of a 314 man, possible 390. The call was updated via MDT that the suspect is naked and bleeding. My thought is "PCP suspect," and having dealt with suspects on PCP I know what they are capable of, so I requested an additional unit. As the events unfolded and this suspect made the decision to make attempts to grab me and grab my gun, an OIS occurred. The suspect was hit two times out of three shots fired. I had requested "officer needs help, shots fired" and my location. Before I knew it, units arrived and I was whisked away to the station by a sergeant, only to be isolated until "everyone" showed up. This was very stressful.

Soon the League lawyer, reps, RHD OIS team, and lots of command staff responded. I was ordered to take off my uniform and gun belt so it could be booked. I had to have photos first since it was covered in the suspect's blood from when he grabbed me. This was a new and my only long-sleeved uniform.

As I did the walk-through, hours have passed and now it is daytime. There was more command staff at the scene.

To make a long story short, I want to thank everyone who first responded to my help call. Over 24 units showed responding! Devonshire, North Hollywood, and Van Nuys showed responding. You guys are great! The first sergeant at the scene, Sgt. Cunningham, was so comforting and took care of me and my partner immediately. I want to thank Gary Ingemunson, Gary Morgan, and Gary Weller for their support and explaining the process to me. I want to thank the RHD OIS team who is handling the investigation. And thank you to all the command staff that showed up. They were all very kind and asked what the LAPD can do for me. Thank you to Capt. Singh who was there since Capt. Seban was out of the state. But thank you Capt. Seban for calling me and reassuring me that everything is going to be fine and for offering his support. Lt. Lehman, who got all my paperwork together so

quickly since I had to get a new gun belt, a loaner gun and mags, and a new uniform. Thank you Andrea in the area office for making all the calls to get me these items so quickly. And thank you Rick Wells (League Director) for his assistance and offering support for me and my family and for helping me get my uniforms paid for. My brother, David Kubly, was killed in the line of duty in 1979 working Wilshire, so I know the Department is supportive when there is a crisis. But I did not expect this overwhelming support from everyone!

I have worked all four bureaus in patrol for my 13 years on the job and had many altercations, but to have a suspect on PCP, full of blood and making attempts to get you and grab your weapon was scary! I will never complain again about training days! All my training I have received "kicked in" and I just reacted the way we are taught to retain our weapons and to handle the problem. In fifteen seconds the situation went from verbal commands to deadly force. If only the media understood that. This of course adds to stress to an already stressful situation.

Thank you to Capt. Tatreau of RHD with his great response to the *Los Angeles Times* in not only my defense, but to the officers involved in the transient woman with the screwdriver. It is so easy for these writers and newscasters to judge the police and our actions. How I wish one of them to be chased down by a bleeding, naked, PCP suspect! Did they think this suspect just wanted to look at my gun and give it back? Did they not think that, yes, he is unarmed and that is why he is trying to arm himself with my gun and with nothing but "kill" in his crazed eyes? Oh yes, there is the part that I shot because I was female. I'm sure a male officer would let a PCP suspect disarm him or "muscle" his way out of it. If anyone has ever dealt with a PCP suspect you know of the incredible strength they have and that it takes about five to six officers several minutes to take this type into custody. Not my option at this time, unfortunately.

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NAME: Barney C. McFarlin #4029
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: West Valley Division
BORN: October 1, 1922
APPT: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: January 7, 1966
DIED: December 7, 1999

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NAME: Albert F. Ackerman #3301
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Juvenile Division
BORN: September 16, 1921
APPT: February 4, 1946
RETIRED: July 12, 1966
DIED: December 9, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: William E. Hogue #6759
RANK: Lieutenant II
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: April 8, 1921
APPT: January 7, 1951
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: December 17, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert Taylor #20063
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: November 9, 1947
APPT: April 17, 1973
ACTIVE
DIED: December 22, 1999

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NAME: Robert L. Dunham #6531
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Newton
BORN: October 9, 1923
APPT: February 1, 1950
RETIRED: June 26, 1992
DIED: December 31, 1999

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NAME: Bradleigh G. Smart #2967
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire Detectives
BORN: No Birthdate Found
APPT: July 6, 1942
RETIRED: February 20, 1963
DIED: January 8, 2000

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NAME: Arnold M. Parker #20363
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: 77th
BORN: July 31, 1946
APPT: October 29, 1973
RETIRED: November 23, 1983
DIED: February 4, 2000



NAME: Wallace V. Gudzus #4196
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Service
BORN: December 1, 1918
APPT: February 19, 1947
RETIRED: February 19, 1969
DIED: January 9, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Thomas R. Windham #12187
RANK: Commander
ASSIGNED TO: Administrative Group
BORN: June 29, 1938
APPT: October 26, 1964
RETIRED: February 21, 1986
DIED: January 12, 2000

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NAME: Oliver D. Lashar #4733
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Valley Bureau
BORN: May 4, 1922
APPT: July 1, 1947
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: January 15, 2000

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NAME: Charles F. Mackh #5387
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: R&I
BORN: April 30, 1923
APPT: May 8, 1959
RETIRED: February 4, 1969
DIED: January 16, 2000

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NAME: Harry W. Keeney #4318
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
BORN: October 23, 1923
APPT: December 4, 1944
RETIRED: June 23, 1965
DIED: January 18, 2000

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NAME: George J. Chabraz #7512
RANK: Investigator III
ASSIGNED TO: Venice Detectives
BORN: October 23, 1929
APPT: October 1, 1955
RETIRED: July 12, 1981
DIED: January 26, 2000

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photo spread of the evening is located in this month's centerfold (pp. 30-31).

The Latest News From City Hall

Mayor Richard Riordan and his chief of staff Kelly Martin took a shot at City Administrative Officer (CAO) Bill Fujioka by notifying him that he was going to be fired or returned to the Personnel Department as the general manager. The Mayor and Martin got upset with Fujioka when they learned that he was working with both the City Council and the Mayor's office. The Mayor and Martin demanded that Fujioka report information to the mayor's office before any information is presented to the Council. Fujioka has established a cooperative and refreshing relationship with many officials and organization representatives at City Hall. His relationship with city unions is a refreshing change from that of retired CAO Keith Comrie who held the position for years and traditionally attempted to short-change city employees at contract time.

Under rules of the Charter, the City Council must approve the firing. I believe that Fujioka has sufficient Council support to overrule the Mayor.

With our next contract due on July 1, 2000, it is a terrible time to replace the person who is responsible to negotiate contracts with all employee unions.

More to come on this subject in future months.

There have been 28 terminations and resignations of city general managers since Mayor Riordan has been in office. Chopping off heads is just a way of life with his honor the Mayor and his appointed executioner Kelly Martin.

A College Stipend

The Department, in cooperation with the League and the Associate Organizations, lobbied the City Council to enhance the dollars appropriated to the Department's revolving training. We were successful in convincing the Council to fund \$1.5 million to the training fund. These dollars will assist many officers in furthering their formal education. With the Department considering educational requirements for promotions, this fund should assist many members in attaining advanced degrees.

Where was the Chief for Y2K Deployment and Our Director/Delegate Installation

Some officers have contacted the League complaining that while they were required to work on New Year's Eve for Y2K deployment, the Chief was off enjoying himself on vacation. I looked into this matter and verified that the Chief was indeed on vacation on New Year's Eve. The part that was not told is that he was

in town and at the Emergency Operations Center making sure that things were going smooth in the City. League President Ted Hunt and I were also in the field on New Year's Eve.

The chief did in fact arrive at our installation dinner after the ceremonies concluded. He was engaged in other pressing administrative matters at Parker Center.

Motorcycle information

1. APRIL 27-29—Laughlin River Run. Exciting and very crowded.



Another lady ready to ride to Furnace Creek.

2. MAY 5, 6, & 7, 2000—The XI Annual Sgt. Joe Priebe Los Angeles to Death Valley Furnace Creek motorcycle ride. If you are interested in participating in this exciting ride, contact Joe at (213) 963-6928 or (213) 207-2008. The cost is \$125 and includes two nights lodging, t-shirt and a barbecue.

Van Nuys Harley-Davidson is offering a Furnace Creek special. Twenty-five percent off 2,500 mile service and 20 percent off tires, wheels and batteries. Call Chris at (818) 989-2230 for service appointment.

3. July 7, 8, 9—The Annual Choir Boys motorcycle Run to the Border (Mexico). This ride is done in cooperation with the Tijuana Police Department. Over 500 motorcycles are expected to participate.

Contact Me if You Have a Question or Comment

I frequently publish my contact numbers in the *Blue Line* for your convenience. I encourage you to cut them out and save them:

Work: (213) 251-4554;
Pager: (888) 629-4429;
Home: (818) 992-0676;
E-mail: Zman8910@aol.com.

Dates to Remember

March 17: This is St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear something green on that day.

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every day. More and more great police candidates are going to other departments that have better pensions, better pay and benefits and a fair discipline system. The young people just beginning their careers are looking at these things and making a decision based on the long-term outlook. We are still in the Stone Age with regard to these issues. If things don't change fast we may be in a position that we can't recover from. Why would anybody want to come to a department that had so little to offer? You go into the streets day after day, dealing with some of the

worst people that society has to offer under the worst conditions possible. You get sick and injured because of your job. You are taken away from your families when the department calls. You sacrifice a good deal for this Department. You should be rewarded for that sacrifice, not penalized. You deserve better and the City will get the qualified people necessary when they decide to pay you for what you are worth. We can attract and retain qualified people for our Department but we must look at the great things that other agencies are doing to attract and retain people.

Keep looking to the future and be safe.

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Thank you again to everyone and most of all to AM watch at Foothill. This is the most incredible group of officers I have ever worked with and the back-up is unbelievable. And thank you, Chris, my wonderful, supportive husband who is always there for me.

Karen Thiffault
Foothill Division

Dear Editor:

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to thank all of my partners, friends, classmates, and supervisors for coming to our support when my father was murdered this past December. Your concern, your prayers, and your many offers of assistance brought us comfort in a difficult time. For this, we will forever be grateful.

My father would have been impressed with you all.

P.O. Brian Whitten
77th Patrol

Dear Editor:

This was forwarded to me by a friend who is a police officer in New Orleans. Please read it and share it with everyone—it's important.

Hello, this is to warn everyone of a new thing happening in communities as a gang initiation and such. If you care about anyone, please forward this to them immediately so they can learn of the possible harm. Even if you don't read this, at least forward it to people.

Hello, my name is Tina Strongman and I work at a police station as a phone operator for 911. Lately, we've received many phone calls pertaining to a new sort of problem that has arisen in the inner cities, and is now working its way to smaller towns. It seems that a new form of gang initiation is to go find as many pay phones as possible and put a mixture of LSD and Strychnine onto the buttons. This mixture is deadly to the human touch, and apparently, this has killed some people on the East Coast.

Strychnine is a chemical used in rat poison and is easily separated from the rest of the chemicals. When mixed with LSD it creates a substance that is easily absorbed into the human flesh, and highly fatal.

Please be careful if you are using a pay phone anywhere. You may want to wipe it off, or just not use one at all. If you have any questions, you can contact me at the links listed below. Please be very careful. Let your friends and family know about this potential hazard.

Thank you,
Sgt. Terence D. Murchison
(703) 588-7203, Washington, D.C.

To Protect and to Serve Who, Chief?

Re: Michael Ramirez' Caricature of Rampart Division

As a resident of Rampart Police Department, I was much offended by Mr. Ramirez' depiction of Rampart Division's "to protect and to serve who?" As the sole organizer for two or the largest rallies of support for Rampart and Southwest Police Division last year, I will continue to support the dedicated officers who patrol the streets of L.A., for they are truly the unsung heroes. Ramirez' caricature does a disservice to these officers and should have directed the caricature to read: "to protect and to serve who Chief?" The problems at Rampart Division lies not with the fine men and women in blue, but with Chief Parks himself. Like any CEO, the Chief of Police sets the tone for the entire police force. Case in point, our 18th Street Gang injunction in Rampart's southern end was squashed by the courts last year, causing an increase in gang-related crimes for the community, and yet the residents still do not have a patrol unit between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. I say to the Chief, "to protect and to serve who?" Our Senior Lead Officers have been assigned to other duties leaving community based policing in shambles. I say to the Chief, "to protect and to serve who?" Blaming the mayor of Los Angeles for the rapid expansion of LAPD and the underlying cause of LAPD's current problems is not the answer. Finding a new Chief of Police is.

Rudy J. Tenorio de Cordova,
Chair Angelenos for an
Accountable City Government

Dear Editor:

Here is that word again—integrity. Many officers roll their eyes at the mere mention of the word and immediately turn the page. Well, for those officers that are still reading, you are the only ones that will have a chance at shaping the way your agency does business on behalf of the public. Those that turn away because they think that the subject matter doesn't apply to them or their agency are not part of the solution, so they must be part of the problem. The problem being the loss of public trust that many police agencies are experiencing today.

In the LAPD in particular, lack of integrity at all levels of the organization has had a devastating effect on the public trust that the officers had been winning back bit by bit, incident by incident, contact by contact, since the '92 riots. The two criminals who made it through the Academy and entered the ranks of LAPD's police officers showed what far-reaching impact their lack of integrity (an oxymoron: criminals with integrity) has on everyone associated with the agency and beyond. Here are a few examples of what lack of integrity by two officers can cause:

Almost 100 cases (so far) are being overturned, and maybe more due to false testimony and planting of evidence.

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POLITICAL FRONTLINE



A Letter From Nate Holden

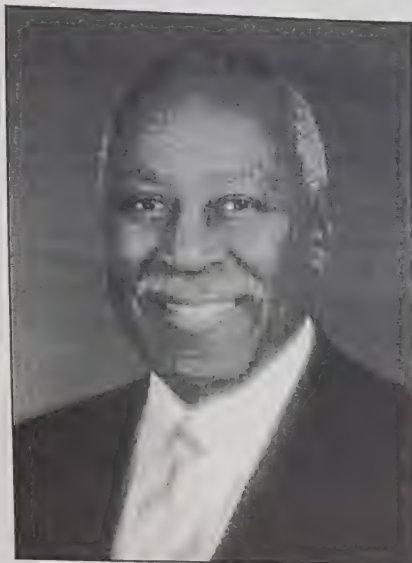
Dear Daily News Editor:

Your editorial, "C.O.D.: City Hall" (February 4, 2000), infers that city officials' lack of oversight of the LAPD lies at the root of the corruption in the Rampart Division. Let me remind you that beyond the strides the city has made in recent years to monitor the ethics of the department, like the establishment of the Christopher Commission, there is a terrible term called the "code of silence" that has prevented certain officers from revealing these problems. It is these officers, in my opinion, whose inaction should result in their termination. What else can the city do? Appoint each officer an individual to supervise their actions?

The nearly 10,000 officers in LAPD have all received the best training in the nation, bar none. Unfortunately, we can't get into each of their heads. According to this new evidence, some of these officers have strayed from what they were taught in training. For the most part, however, the department is made up of fine men and women who we need now, more than ever.

The council met with Chief Parks in a closed session meeting to protect the city and the taxpayers general fund. If some of this information shared with the city council were to be heard in a public setting, god forbid, the officers being tried for misconduct would be able to use tainted jury pools as a defense—leading to dismissals or trials moved to other jurisdictions. We should not run that risk. And these officers, like anyone else, are entitled to a fair trial.

Unfortunately, at least one member of the council, who is aspiring to run for higher office, will stop at nothing to get his name out to the public by using any means necessary.



Councilmember Nate Holden.

Furthermore, the programs you mentioned becoming casualties as a result of the cost to litigate these cases: attracting girls into sports, the re-paving of streets and improvements to libraries, these are all necessary and beneficial programs that I foresee coming to fruition despite the cost of these future trials.

Finally, in response to your suggestion about my car being the most expensive "park" the city has paid for, permit me to clear a few things up:

City policy says that elected officials may exchange cars every two years and that means one could have two cars per term. During my career (which will be 16 years at the end of this term), I could have driven eight, but instead I have chosen only four. Moreover, I have purchased one of those cars from the city, as I plan to do with this one. The city, in fact, loses more money if the cars are not purchased because these cars go to auction.

In four years, the salvage value for the Navigator will be approximately \$25,000 which, in real numbers, represents an average of \$5,000 depreciation per year. This is reasonable. Therefore, this vehicle will not be costing the taxpayers any more than any other vehicle, when you compare the salvage value and the original cost. For example, a 1998 Navigator today wholesales for \$32,375. This is comparable to the 2000 model.

I provide this explanation for one reason: I received seven phone calls from Los Angeles residents. Once I explained the cost of the vehicle to the constituents, it was their suggestion that I share this information with the public. And I think it is a good idea to do so.

Nate Holden
Councilmember, Tenth District

CONTRACT TALK

by Ted Hunt

One of the most common things I hear when going out to the divisions and roll calls is someone say, "I heard a rumor and want to know if it's true." As a general rule, rumors are just that—rumors. They aren't true. Don't believe them. There are several ways that we communicate with members of the League:

1. *The Thin Blue Line*;
2. Your Divisional Delegate;
3. Our Web page LAPD.com;
4. From time to time, U.S. mail directed to your home;
5. Message Line or 20-20 which is 213-368-7288 or 213-368-7277.

If you want to know what is actually going on during contract negotiations, please sign on to our web site at www.LAPD.com and sign-up for our directed e-mail service.

Prop 30: Do You Trust Your Insurance Company to be Fair With You?

by Steve Pingel

YES on 30 - Prop 30 restores the right of an innocent driver to sue the other driver's insurance company if they illegally (i.e., in violation of the Insurance Code Section 790.03) delay settlement when liability and damages are clear. Such cases are also known as "Bad Faith" suits.

Contrary to the insurance industry's commercials, Prop 30 prohibits convicted drunk drivers from suing, which is why the founder of MADD, Candy Lightner, supports Prop 30.

Prop 30 also provides voluntary binding arbitration process for smaller auto accidents which gives the bad driver's insurance carrier a "safe harbor" for a "bad faith" suit and, more importantly, will keep the courts' caseload down.

Who wants you to vote no on 30? The major insurance carriers, all of whom are out of state and three of them are headquartered in Europe. The in-state insurance carriers such as AAA, Mercury and 20th—now 21st Century—are neutral on Prop 30.

The question is, do YOU trust your insurance company to be fair with you? If you don't trust them to treat you fairly, vote YES on PROP 30.

Letters to the Editor

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Hundreds of hard-core criminals that were falsely convicted are being released into the community. They haven't become angels overnight.

The cost of indemnifying the falsely accused persons on the above cases is estimated to cost between \$90 and \$125 MILLION. The city is considering the issuance of bonds to pay for it, but hell will freeze over before the public will approve going into debt for this purpose.

The remaining 9,000+ honest officers of the LAPD and their families will also lose big time. The contract between the officers and the city expires on June 30, 2000, and I don't see a big chance of the officers getting any concessions on salaries or added benefits from the city. The officers' attention to duty and dedication to the city during the North Hollywood bank robbery shootout, the shooting at the Jewish child care center, the devastating earthquake of 1994, and hundreds of other exemplary performances on the part of LAPD officers will have been forgotten.

Good officers will have their testimony attacked on the majority of the cases brought to court. They are being called liars by defense attorneys in open court more than ever before.

This is what just two officers (so far) with no integrity can cause. Do you still

think the discussion of "integrity" is a waste of time?

Lack of integrity by the two officers is just one part of the equation. The other parts of the equation are: the lack of integrity of the officers' supervisors for failing to supervise or "looking the other way"; lack of integrity of the district attorneys that did not challenge the officers' testimony and arrest reports before seeking convictions; lack of integrity on the part of judges that accept or encourage plea bargains at all costs in order to keep cases from the busy court calendars, etc., etc. Integrity, integrity, integrity, ad nauseam. The whole justice system's lack of integrity created a fertile ground for the kind of behavior exhibited by these two officers to become "acceptable." How else does one explain HUNDREDS of these cases making it through the judicial system?

Officers can deal with being called racist and brutal in the name of political expediency, yet can continue to give 110% effort in their service to the community. They've done it before and survived. Calling good officers liars and taking away public trust from them due to the actions of a few is another thing all together. That kind of damage can be disastrous and only time will tell how LAPD officers will deal with it. Some good officers are sending applications to other agencies, and they are finding that their

good record and reputation for being one of the most well trained officers in the country are not good enough anymore. I'm sure the agencies accepting their applications place a great deal of weight on the word "integrity" right now.

I wonder if the "blue wall of silence" was built to protect these kind of criminals in blue. If it was, then we as a profession are still in the dark ages, and it's time to bring out the sledgehammers.

Stay safe, all . . .

Sgt. André Belotto, #26189
Newton Patrol Division

Dear Ted:

I just finished reading the February, 2000, *Thin Blue Line*. What a refreshing pleasure to read a professional, productive and employee centered publication. In the recent past our *Thin Blue Line* has been an unprofessional publication with no long-term strategy or problem solving resolutions, it appeared to be merely a name-calling forum for disgruntled employees.

I appreciate the leadership and proactive approach you are taking to try and bring professionalism back to our League.

John Sherman
Lieutenant
Management Services Division

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I'm writing to request a favor. I am working on research for a documentary film focusing on the cultural history of Los Angeles during the 1920s and 1930s, including ethnic life in Boyle Heights. The police were an integral part of the bigger picture and I am very interested in talking with any of your members—or their families—who remember that period.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could run this letter in your March issue. Anyone who is willing to share their memories of that period, or who knows someone they think I should contact, can reach me at 310-392-2076.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Judy Branfman
Research Scholar
UCLA Center for the Study of Women

Dear Board of Directors:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. The fruit basket was beautiful. Here I was believing I was healthy; running three days a week, active around my ranch and eating everything right. I guess when it's your time . . .

Thank you,
Ronald Leanderts

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

San Francisco Police Department, In Memoriam: "Forever Patrolling Our Skies"

Veteran San Francisco Police Officers Brookbush and Dougherty were killed when their helicopter crashed returning from a scheduled maintenance flight from Fresno to San Francisco. League Director Cliff Ruff attended the memorial ceremonies as representative from the League for the men and women of LAPD.

Kirk Bradley Brookbush (Sept. 29, 1950-Jan. 11, 2000)

After active duty in Vietnam, serving in a Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon of the U.S. Army's 75th Ranger Regiment (Airborne), and one year with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, Kirk Brookbush joined the San Francisco Police Department in 1972. His career would take him through rotations at four different police stations, the Department Specialist Team (1985-1988), the Tactical Unit (1988-1990), the Crime Scene Investigations Unit (1994-1999), and the Air Support Unit to which he was assigned in August, 1999. He brought enthusiasm and expertise to each of these assignments, along with a methodical and conscientious approach to his work that made him extremely valuable to the Department. During his 27 years in the Department, he earned a Gold Medal of

Valor, three Police Commission Commendations, and 65 Captain's Commendations. Outgoing and personable, he was particularly popular with the public he served; he received 68 Citizen Complimentary letters. Kirk is survived by his wife Suzanne and his son Andrew.

James Francis Dougherty (May 3, 1943-Jan. 11, 2000)

Jim Dougherty joined the Department in 1971 after serving four years in the U.S. Air Force, from 1963 to 1967, and after working for two years (1969-1971), as an aircraft mechanic for United Airlines. He began his police career at Taraval Station, and was later assigned to the Traffic Accident Investigation Bureau (1977-1980), where his mechanical knowledge was useful in analyzing accident scenes. He served at Park and Ingle-side Stations, and returned to Taraval Station in April, 1996. Quiet and unassuming, his dedication to service in his 28 years with the Department yielded him one Police Commission Commendation, 52 Captain's Commendations, and 41 Citizen Complimentary letters. Jim is survived by his wife Sun Kang; three children, Jeffrey, Bridget and Christopher; and his step-sons Chon and Paul Kang.

Police Deaths Drop Dramatically In 1999

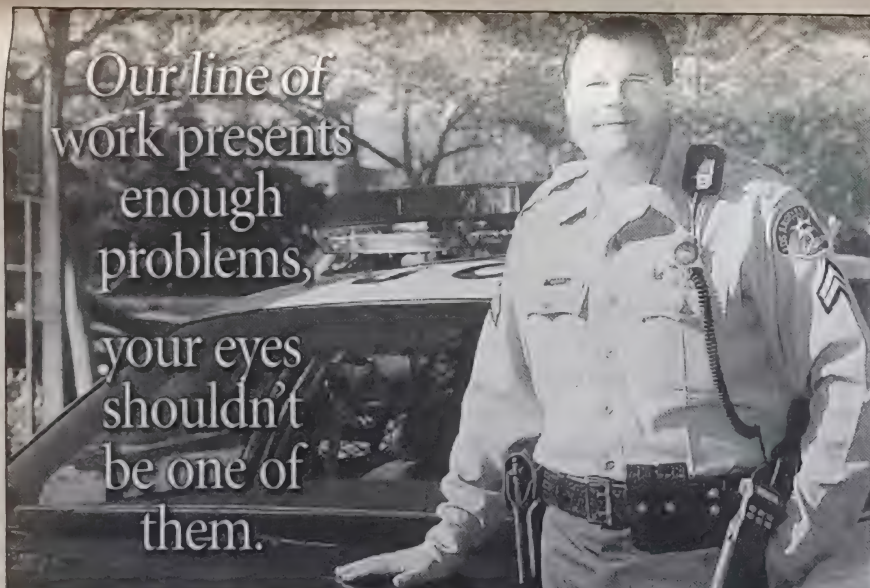
The number of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty dropped by more than 15 percent during 1999, making the last 10 years the safest decade for police since the '60s, and providing further proof that crime is on a steep downward slide nationwide.

Led by a 29 percent decline in shooting deaths, the number of officers killed during the past 12 months dropped to 130, compared to 156 police fatalities in 1998. Fewer police officers died in 1999 than in any year since 1965.

"A combination of factors appears to be making life safer for our officers," observed NLEOMF Chairman Craig W. Floyd, "including better training, improved equipment, the increased use of bullet-resistant vests, and the overall drop in crime." (The average number of officers killed each year during the 1990s averaged 153, compared to 187 during the '80s, and 222 during the '70s—the deadliest decade in law enforcement history.)

The 45 officers who were shot to death in 1999 represented the fewest number of officers killed by firearms in a single year since 1962. There were 63 firearms-related police fatalities in 1998. An FBI report that showed a 10 percent decline in serious crime in the United States during the first half of 1999.

Of the 130 officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1999, 47 died in automobile accidents, 45 were shot to death, 15 succumbed to job-related illnesses, eight were struck by vehicles, seven died in motorcycle accidents, four were killed in aircraft accidents, two were stabbed, one died in a fall, and one was struck and killed by a train. This is the first year ever that automobile accidents caused more police fatalities than shooting incidents. Texas was the deadliest state in the nation last year for police officers, with 10 fatalities; followed by Georgia with nine, North Carolina and Tennessee with eight, and California and Florida with seven each.



Chris Blasnek, Detective, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

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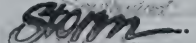
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Something to Think About...

by Betty Reynolds

One day an expert in time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will never forget.

As he stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide mouthed Mason jar and set it on the table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar. When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks.

Then he asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in the jar and it went into all of the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel.

Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he

grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim.

Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard you can always fit some more things in it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all. What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Your children . . . your loved ones . . . your education . . . your dreams . . . a worthy cause . . . teaching or mentoring others . . . doing things that you love . . . time for yourself . . . your health . . . your significant other. Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. If you sweat the little stuff (the gravel, the sand) then you'll fill your life with little things you worry about that don't really matter, and you'll never have the real quality time you need to spend on the big, important stuff (the big rocks). So, tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, put those in your jar first."



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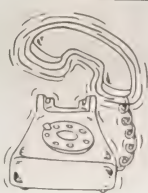


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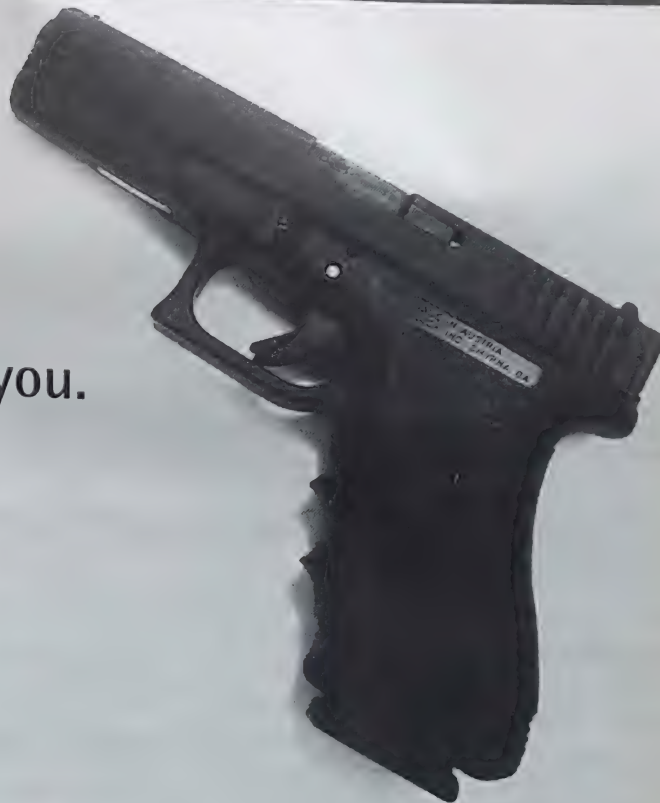
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Pacific Studios is currently taking pictures of all department employees. However, time is running out to get your picture taken and ensure you are in the yearbook. Only employee portraits taken by Pacific Studios will be published. The below schedule is the last opportunity to have your portrait taken. Make sure you get your picture taken and are included in the yearbook.

Remember time is running out! Get your portrait taken. Pacific Studios will send you a proof sheet and order form if you desire purchasing an order. Also, advanced orders for the yearbook are now being accepted at the LAPRAAC Administrative offices. The purchase price of the yearbook is \$65 for the regular edition and \$100 for the deluxe edition. If you purchase the yearbook before March 1, 2000, you will receive a 10% discount coupon good for purchasing any item in the LAPRAAC gift store except guns and boots.

Get to one of the locations and have your picture taken. Athletic team photo sessions, and other employee support and fraternal organizations will be taken on April 6 & 7 at the Elysian Park Academy. Retirees may have their pictures taken at the Elysian Park Academy on April 6 & 7, 2000, or any of the other locations listed below.

The hours for the photo session are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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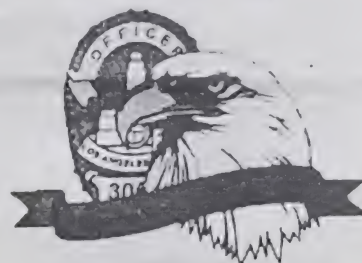
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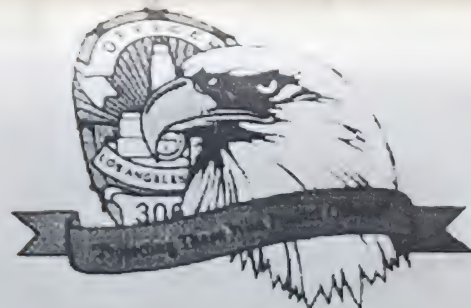
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A Century of Sacrifice

by Craig W. Floyd

It was the dawning of a new century and 30-year-old William C. Rooney was part of a proud and growing law enforcement profession. Within the next 10 years police officers would begin to use fingerprints to track down criminals, a former New York City Police Commissioner named Theodore Roosevelt would be elected President of the United States, and the first woman in the country to have arrest powers would begin serving with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Tragically, though, Bill Rooney, a captain with the Colorado Department of Corrections, would never know about any of those historic events. On January 22, 1900, Captain Rooney was stabbed in the heart during a prison escape and he died. He was the first of more than 14,000 law enforcement officers in the United States to be killed in the line of duty during the twentieth century.

Another unwanted distinction was earned by two officers from Birmingham, Alabama, just a few months later. On March 28, 1900, Officers George W. Kirkley and J. Wafe Adams were both gunned down by robbery suspects. They were the first of some 500 officers killed in multiple police-death incidents during the past century.

When compared to the years that followed, though, 1900 was a relatively tame period for the officers who served. The year ended with just 40 law enforcement fatalities. During the next 99 years only 1905, with 30 police deaths, proved to be safer. A dangerous turning point for

law enforcement came in 1916. That was the first year ever that the number of law officers killed in our country exceeded 100. Among the 118 officers who died that year was Andrew Turner, a well-liked correctional officer who worked for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the Leavenworth (KS) Federal Penitentiary. While standing guard during the noon-time meal on March 26, Correctional Officer Turner was stabbed to death in cold-blooded fashion by a prisoner named Robert Stroud, who went on to serve another 50 years in the federal prison system and became immortalized in film as "The Birdman of Alcatraz."

All totaled during the 1900s, more than 360 correctional officers lost their lives in the performance of duty. Many Americans recall the Attica (NY) prison riot in 1971 that resulted in the deaths of seven officers, but few realize that there was an even deadlier incident that occurred in 1929. On October 3 of that year a riot at the Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility in Canyon City caused the deaths of eight correction officers.

But even the Colorado incident did not end up being the deadliest for law enforcement during the past hundred years. That darkest day in police history occurred on November 24, 1917, when a suspicious package left outside of a local church was brought to a Milwaukee (WI) police station for inspection. Before anyone had a chance to investigate, the package exploded and nine officers were killed. The officers who died were Frank Caswin, Paul Weiler, Henry Deckert, Frederick Kaiser, Charles Seehawer,

Stephen Stecher, Albert Templin, Edward Spindler and David O'Brien.

As first observed by New York Times reporter Fox Butterfield (Jan. 1, 1997 article), there was a fairly close connection during the past century between the number of police officers killed in the line of duty and the nation's overall homicide rate. There was a dramatic rise in law enforcement fatalities from World War I until 1930, with the number of deaths increasing from 74 in 1914 to a high of 243 in 1930. The nation's murder rate showed a similar climb during that same period, peaking in 1933 at about 10 homicides per 100,000 people in 1933.

The number of police fatalities and the national homicide rate then declined during the 1930s, the '40s and '50s before both posting sharp increases in the '60s and '70s. In fact, the deadliest decade on record for law enforcement occurred in the 1970s when a total of 2,215 officers were killed in the line of duty, including an all-time high of 271 in 1974. The average number of law enforcement officers killed each year went from 49 between 1900 and 1909; 95 during the 1910s; 181 during the 1920s; 176 during the 1930s; 100 during the 1940s; 104 during the 1950s; 146 during the 1960s; to 222 during the 1970s.

According to Mr. Butterfield's article, "Precisely why violent crime jumped abruptly in the 1960s is poorly understood, though experts have cited the breakdown of traditional authority that accompanied the Vietnam War, the decline of the family and the loss of jobs in the nation's inner cities."

Largely due to the increased use of soft body armor, better training and improved equipment, police deaths have been on the decline for the past two decades. During the 1980s we averaged 187 officer fatalities each year, and in the 1990s (through 1998) we averaged 156. While final figures are not yet available for 1999, it appears that the number of police deaths during the past 12 months may be among the lowest in 30 years, which would once again be in line with the nation's plummeting murder rate.

During the past century more officers, by far, were killed by firearms than by any other single cause. Nearly 7,000 officers were shot to death, accounting for about 47 percent of all law enforcement fatalities over the past 100 years. The deadliest shootout during that period occurred on January 2, 1932, in Springfield (MO). A suspected cop killer was rumored to be hiding at a house just outside of town. Greene County (MO) Sheriff Marcell C. Hendrix took nine officers with him to make the arrest. The officers were met with a hail of gunfire and six officers, including Sheriff Hendrix, were killed.

During the early part of the past century, the second leading cause of police deaths were motorcycle accidents. In fact, from 1910 through 1939, there was a shocking total of 485 officers killed in

motorcycle accidents, compared to officers who died in automobile accidents. As law enforcement increasingly rely more and more on the automobile, motorcycle deaths have dramatically during the latter half of the century, but still accounted for 1,000 officer fatalities during the 1990s (seven percent of all deaths). One of the most recent police motorcycle deaths occurred on Thanksgiving Day 1999 in Philadelphia. Officer I. Brown was struck by a car while on his motorcycle. Initially he was expected to make a fully recovery, suffering from more than a broken leg. But complications developed and two weeks later he was dead.

By the end of the century, automobile accidents had caused more than 2,000 police fatalities (15 percent of all deaths) and nearly 1,000 more (seven percent of all deaths) were struck and killed by passing motorists while outside of their own vehicles. A search of the records kept by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) shows that about 315 of these vehicle-related deaths were caused by drunk drivers. One of those officers was Kimberly A. Hurd, a six-year veteran of the Florida Highway Patrol. She had dedicated her life to keeping drunk drivers off the road, making more than 400 drunk driving arrests in a single year. In a terrible irony, Trooper Hurd was struck and killed by a drunk driver on July 16, 1992. Trooper Hurd is one of 140 female law enforcement officers to be killed in the line of duty during the past century.

The average age of the officers killed during the past century was 38 and the average length of service was about eight years. Pulaski County (MO) Night Marshal Dotson "Pop" Sutton, 80, was the oldest officer to die in the line of duty. He was struck by a vehicle while on patrol in 1952. Thomas Knevet, a Hartford (CT) police officer, suffered the same tragic fate in 1919. He had worked in law enforcement for 34 years, making him the longest serving officer ever to die in the line of duty.

In what may very well be regarded as the century's most infamous attack against our police officers, a crazed gunman entered the U.S. Capitol on July 24, 1998, and murdered Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut and Det. John Gibson. After Officer Chestnut was gunned down, Det. Gibson heard the shots being fired and knew the danger that was fast approaching. But instead of fleeing and ducking for cover, he stood his ground and confronted the crazed assassin with all the firepower he could muster. He saved countless lives, while sacrificing his own. The same is true for each of the more than 14,000 other officers who paid the ultimate price during what has been a century of continuous law enforcement sacrifice.



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Legendary Ladies Luncheon

The next "Legendary Ladies Luncheon" is scheduled for June 10th, 2000, at Stevens Steak House. The year 2000 marks the 75th anniversary of the Los Angeles Policewoman's Association. All past and present presidents of the Association will be honored at this luncheon. Hope to see you there.

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NAPO Filed Brief Supporting the Authority of Law Enforcement Officers to Stop and Pat-Down Individuals Fleeing Police in High Crime Areas

Washington, D.C.—In a 5-4 decision today, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police officers may stop and question citizens who flee when police officers approach. The National Association of Police Organizations, Inc. (NAPO) had submitted an *amici curiae* brief with the court in support of law enforcement officers in Chicago and elsewhere who stop, question, and search those persons who run away once they see an officer.

"The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) praises the U.S. Supreme Court for its decision today allowing officers to continue to investigate highly suspicious conduct. We are gratified by the Supreme Court's 5-4 vote upholding the right to law enforcement officers to stop, question, and search for weapons those persons who run away once they see a police officer; effective law enforcement requires no less," stated Robert T. Scully, NAPO's Executive Director.

The case stemmed from a September 9, 1995 incident in Chicago. Chicago Police Officer Timothy Nolan was assigned as part of a team to investigate narcotics sales in the Department's 11th District, a high crime area. In full uniform, Officer Nolan and seven other officers were driving in four police vehicles when Officer Nolan saw the Respondent, Sam Wardlow. Wardlow looked at the officers and "took off running" away from them, while carrying a bag under his arm. Officer Nolan pursued Wardlow, and eventually the officer and his partner were able to corner him a few blocks away. Nolan exited his vehicle and stopped Wardlow for the purpose of conducting a field interview. At the hearing, Nolan testified that it is common to find weapons in the vicinity where narcotics are sold. Therefore, without asking Wardlow any questions, the officer conducted a "protective pat-down" search "for [his] own safety." The officer squeezed the outside of the white opaque plastic bag

that the suspect was holding under his arm and felt an object that was hard, heavy and similar in shape to a revolver. He then looked inside the bag and found a Colt .38 caliber handgun loaded with five bullets. The officer arrested Wardlow, who was subsequently convicted of the offense of unlawful use of a weapon by a felon. Wardlow's conviction was reversed by the Illinois appellate courts on the ground that there was not sufficient reasonable articulable suspicion to believe that he had been or was engaged in criminal activity.

A relevant excerpt from Chief Justice Rehnquist's opinion follows:

[It] was not merely respondent's presence in an area of heavy narcotics trafficking that aroused the officers' suspicion but his unprovoked flight upon noticing the police. Our cases have also recognized that nervous, evasive behavior is a pertinent factor in determining reasonable suspicion. . . . Headlong flight—wherever it occurs—is the consummate act of evasion: it is not necessarily indicative of wrongdoing, but it is certainly suggestive of such. . . . Thus, the determination of reasonable suspicion must be based on common-sense judgments and inferences about human behavior. . . . We conclude that Officer Nolan was justified in suspecting that Wardlow was involved in criminal activity, and therefore, in investigating further.

The Court recognized that there might be innocent reasons for flight from police, not necessarily indicative of ongoing criminal activity. However, the Court indicated that stopping and briefly detaining an individual to check out what is happening "does not establish a violation of the Fourth Amendment" just because there might be an "innocent explanation."



League Delegates greet guests at the League's popular booth during the National League of Cities Convention, held at L.A.'s Convention Center this past year. From left: Delegate John Nisbet, Delegate Jody Gryder, celebrity look-a-like Marilyn Monroe, Delegate Roger Deranian, celebrity look-a-like Clint Eastwood, Delegate (now Director) Mitzi Grasso.

Sgt. Pete Casey

A special friend who has touched many lives is facing tough times. Pete spent four years as a Senior Lead Officer at Pacific, working to turn a troubled community around. Pete has lymphoma and needs

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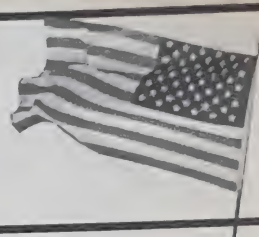
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VETERAN'S CORNER



Veteran's Corner is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

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Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

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Welcome Recruit Class #1 - 2000

On January 18, 2000, Marty Chalupa welcomed the 1-00 LAPD recruit class. There were nine with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: Jose Camacho (USMC), Julian Canales (USA), Fabian Evans (USMC), Andrew Gonzalez (USMC), Antonio Lopez, Jr. (USMC), Fidencio Pina (USMC), Daniel Rubalcava (USMC), Hector Villanueva (USMC), and Maria Zarate (USMC).

Veterans Homes

The California Department of Veterans Affairs operates two residential homes in California. One is in the wine country of Napa Valley in the city of Yountville. The other is in the high desert of San Bernardino County in the city of Barstow. A third home is in the construction phase. It is being built on the bluffs of Chula Vista, with a view of San Diego and the Pacific Ocean. The scheduled completion is April, 2000. The facilities provide residential services, nursing, and medical care for the elderly or disabled California veterans. The Yountville facility has 1,421 beds, and the Barstow facility has 400 beds. For most of these veterans, this will be their last residence on earth. Please read Proposition 16 on the March 7th voter's ballot. Let's take care of our elderly veterans; they took care of us.

Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted prices to the members of the American Legion. Each month I will list some of these companies. There are three in the moving industry that offer discounts to veterans. "North American Van Lines," 800-524-5533, "American Red Ball Worldwide Movers," 800-877-7332, and "Atlas Van Lines," 800-847-6683. For more in-

formation on benefits, visit www.legion.org.

Trivia

Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), during the war of 1812, witnessed the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor. The sight of the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak inspired him to write the poem "The Star-Spangled Banner." You knew that? O.K., but you didn't know that the poem was designated as our national anthem on March 3, 1931? (88 years after his death.)

First Flat Top Landing

Aviation history was made in the San Francisco Bay in 1911, when Eugene Ely, a pilot for the fledgling Curtiss Aviation Company, made the first landing of an airplane on the deck of a ship.

The battleship USS Pennsylvania was selected. A wooden platform 130 feet long and 32 feet wide was built on her fantail. A ramp-like extension hung down over the stern of the ship. At the other end of the platform there was a canvas barrier to prevent Ely's plane from plowing into the ship's massive steel mast. Throughout the planning stages for the landing, one seemingly insurmountable problem had been how to stop the plane in just 130 feet, as the aircraft had no brakes. A clever system was devised just days before the land-

ing. A set of rails, about 20 feet wide were built the length of the deck. Ropes were stretched across the rails and sandbags were tied to the ends of the ropes. It was hoped that the lines would catch on the plane's wheels, and stop it.

The morning of January 18 was frigid and overcast as Ely took off from Scitfridge Field on his Curtiss "Pusher" biplane. It was made from wood and fabric, and had no cockpit. Ely literally sat on the lower wing of the plane with a huge automobile-like steering wheel as his main control. Ely flew out over the bay, turned around and began descending toward the platform on the Pennsylvania. On his third attempt, Ely landed on the deck, rolling over the rows of ropes without slowing. Fortunately the last rope caught the wheels and held fast. The plane stopped just a few feet from the canvas barrier.

Ely was actually blue from the bitter cold air that had buffeted him for nearly an hour. He was carried to the ship's wardroom, treated for hypothermia, and was given several cups of hot coffee. But when the newspaper reports questioned him about the landing, Ely calmly said, "It was easy. I could do it every day."

Although Glenn Curtiss had convinced Navy officials that a plane

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We All Have Our Heroes

by Sgt. Fred Tredy
Hollywood Division

We all have people that we have considered heroes in our eyes. It could be someone we read about that had received the congressional medal of honor during wartime, a TV star like John Wayne, an astronaut that walked on the moon or just someone who really impressed us when we were just a kid.



Sgt. Fred Tredy with Captain Bucher of the U.S.S. Pueblo.

It seems like the longer we live and experience life, the higher the esteem we give to the people who have been able to accomplish things that we now know we will never be able to do or experience.

This is a short story about a group of people whom I consider heroes, and other members of the police community may be able to relate to.

I was in the Navy for six years and stationed on a submarine out of Pearl

Harbor for 4-1/2 years. Since then I have been in the Coast Guard Reserves for 18 years. So I have this affinity for the sea and for those that make their living from the sea. In 1969 a situation occurred that I was involved with. It was when the North Koreans took the USS Pueblo. I was stationed on the USS Bonfish SS 582, the last diesel submarine commissioned by the United States. We were at the Naval base in Yokosuka, Japan, tied up right next to the Pueblo. I had the opportunity to take a few of their crew on a tour of my submarine just prior to them getting underway on their last patrol. We left a few days after them and went on our own patrol. We were out to sea for almost two months when we were notified that the North Koreans had captured the Pueblo. Of course a submarine is classified as a man of war while the Pueblo was classified as an auxiliary ship. But our missions were similar. When we were notified that the Pueblo was being attacked and then captured we were brought back into Japan and refitted and sent back out within nine days. We patrolled off the coast of Wonsan, North Korea where they held the Pueblo for 32 days, waiting for those in a position of power to make a decision and give us or someone the nod to try and get our comrades back. The word never came.

As law enforcement officers working in a para-military organization we can relate the Pueblo incident to what we do as cops. When a cop puts out a "help call" we do whatever we can to come to their assistance. We pull out all the stops. We have had officers who have put their own lives on the line driving faster than they should just to get to that call and help that fellow officer. We would put out the call for whatever



(L to R): Officer Bowers, Capt. Frank Uick, Det. Lt. Lucas, and Charley Hoy. LA in the 30's - Anyone with information regarding this photo please contact Cecilia Rasmussen at LA Times column on "LA Now and Then." Phone: 213-237-4688.

equipment or personnel we need to overcome the threat. Well, you would think that with the power behind the United States Navy and the other U.S. military deployed in the area that we would have rolled out whatever equipment and personnel we would have needed to get them out.

As history has shown, we failed. We not only didn't send anyone to help get our comrades out, it took 11 months of intense negotiations to get them released. That was after they suffered torture, beatings and abuse at the hands of the North Koreans. To this day the North Koreans have never apologized for their actions. In fact, no one in our government has ever told them that they were sorry for not providing the response to their "help call." Even after all of that there was a Board of Inquiry and a Court Marshal Proceeding of the Commanding Officer, of the USS Pueblo, Captain Lloyd M. (Peter) Bucher.

Since that incident my heroes have been Capt. Bucher and the crew of the Pueblo. I never had the opportunity to speak with them and tell them how I felt about the incident. Through the wonders of the computer age and the Web I had the opportunity to have lunch with Capt. Bucher, who lives in Southern California. It's not often that we get a chance to meet with our personal heroes. So for me to meet with the Captain was one of the highlights of my life. He is the type of

person that you would imagine as an ex-submariner captain, an old time salty seafarer. Capt. Bucher had spent a large part of his career aboard submarines before he got command of the Pueblo. This is a man who took his crew through hell and brought them back. We all know that in the business of law enforcement we have a great need for leaders. We have a lot of good supervisors and some good managers but very infrequently in our business do we see someone like Capt. Bucher, a great leader.

The Captain hasn't lost his zeal for life and isn't bitter about the hand that was dealt to him. So often we hear those we work with complain about the days off they got or that the black and white they were issued was dirty. There are complaints of old equipment in the weight room and not enough paper in the printer. I have listened to these complaints and think of what Capt. Bucher and his crew had to endure.

Everyone should take time to reach out and meet that someone whose deeds or actions have had an effect on their lives, take it from me, it's definitely worth the time and effort.

If anyone would like to read about the Pueblo or contact the survivors, they have a Web site (use pueblo.com).

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could land on a ship, the landing was viewed more as a stunt than anything significant. Nevertheless, it represented the birth of naval aviation.

Timmy Barnes, age 14, of Cherry Hill, N.J., and his classmates visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. He was inspired to write the following poem.

A Look of Sadness

A look of sadness that old man had, with his grimy old self and a face so sad. I stared at his long greasy hair, which made him look like he was in so much despair. He carried upon him an old army bag, making him look like he had to sag. With only his ragged, torn, and dirty old clothes, and still seeming like no one he did loath. On his feet were his old military boots. What was in his bag? Some food? Clothing? Or is it his loot? The look of glory when he saw the flag, took my mind off his bag. He

filled me up with so much joy, because I now knew that life's no toy. America the beautiful? Or America the slums? How can we call such heroes bums? What made him so sad I never could tell, but it sure made my day a living hell. The look of sadness on his face, made me think of America as a more distant place.

I dedicate this poem to all the men who died with courage, commitment, and most of all honor. In my opinion all those men were heroes. Heroes who lost their lives saving ours—Tim Barnes.

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 21st. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00. There is a \$5.00 donation for dinner. Location: the Panorama Post, at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz (626) 331-4271.

Remember to vote in the Primary Election, on March 7, 2000.

DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Service is our middle name

M.S.D. Notes

by Roger C. Deranian
Management Services Division

Congratulations to MA Sharon Sargent, MSD Forms Unit, and her husband, Lt. Scott Sargent, WLA Area, on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Kaila Sargent, all 7 pounds, 11 ounces of her.

During the Christmas season members of the Procedures and Directives Section (PADS), which includes the Manuals and Orders Unit and Forms Unit, conducted

Directives Section (PADS). This Section should be near and dear to anyone on the Department who has ever studied for a promotional exam. The Section is comprised of a Lieutenant II as Officer in Charge (OIC), two Manuals and Orders Units (Team A and Team B, each with a Sergeant II as OIC), and the Forms Unit comprised of two Management Assistant IIs and a Management Assistant. There are nine assigned P.O. IIs who research, publish, and distribute all Office of the Chief of Police Directives, Notices, and Memos, Operations Committee Directives, as well as every Special Order. On top of all that, PADS is responsible for the management and maintenance of all Department forms, and the Department Manual, and maintaining the Department Directives Library. They also create and revise a number of the forms you use. You can imagine how important the unit secretary and three clerk typists are to the Section!



a holiday program at Orthopaedic Hospital. The group decided they wanted to do something for kids who might not otherwise have much of a Christmas due to being hospitalized for treatment of severe disabilities and birth defects. They collected over 100 toys and spent the better part of a day with the kids including visiting with those kids who were unable to leave their hospital rooms.

The first-ever MSD Baker to Vegas team continues preparing for the "big day" and Division support has been great. While most of our runners have participated in the event before, most of our support team has not so we have appreciated other teams sharing their experience with us. We are continuing to recruit support personnel. Jim Gavin, OIC of the Evaluation Unit, volunteered his parents and their motor



The PADS members who delivered the gifts to the kids were Lt. John Sherman, Sgt. John McMahon, and Officers Teresa Irvin, Gene Salvodon, Sayo Hosohama, Carolina Volland, Travonne Dixon, and Ed "Santa Claus" Pape. In the picture taken under the hospital banner, Ed Pape is in the Santa suit backed up by Santa's helpers, Travonne Dixon and Caroline Volland. In the other picture, Gene Salvodon compliments one of the kids on his reindeer antlers, while being eyed suspiciously by the local antler distributor standing behind him.

Continuing with my plan to let folks know what MSD is all about, I'm going to talk a little bit about Procedures and

home to the team. He plans to tell them about it sometime before the event!

Oh, last month I mentioned that I had asked the Office of the California Attorney General for a clarification of the definition of "Vandalism" in their publication, *California Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook* since it differed from the Penal Code. They had declined an explanation saying they do not provide legal opinions, and I rewrote stating that I was asking for an explanation and clarification of their referenced document. They again declined an explanation and suggested I contact the District Attorney's office for an interpretation of their reference material.



by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

Hello again. Yes, I know I'm retired, two months now, but I had a few stories left over that I thought I would share with you. So, for the second time, here's my last column.

Congratulations to Officer Susan Hillman and husband, Michael Speakman, on the birth of their third child, a son, Trent, born January 7, 2000. Congratulations to AM Watch Clerk Typist Angel Aguilar and husband, Rudy, on the birth of their second child, a son, Julian John Luc, born December 18, 1999. Congratulations to Lt. 1 Carlos Figueroa, #15915, on his retirement, February 12, 2000, after almost 30 years of service. He was appointed to the department on April 20, 1970.

Newton homicides in 1999 were at an all-time low for the second year (39) since 1967 when there were only 30 for the year. The lowest was 23 in 1960, and the highest was 137 in 1992.

During the month of November, Newton Auto Detectives Ryan Vach and Yep developed information from an informant that helped identify 12 chop shop locations in the southern part of L.A. that included four divisions—Newton, Southwest, 77th, and Southeast Areas. TRAP units are currently developing cases on the involved individuals.

On November 11, Officers M. Griego, #26648, and I. Galloway, #30228, observed a robbery in progress at 43rd

and Central Ave. The officers deployed and arrested three Four-Trey Crips gang members. Then on November 12, Officers P. Rudolf, #31254, and S. Wehr, #30457, arrested two Four-Trey Crips gang members for sales of marijuana at 34th and Central Ave. The officers recovered 92.63 gross grams of marijuana.

On November 18, Officer E. Patterson, #27718, handled an annoying/harassing phone call complaint in which the suspect knew the victim's schedule and children. When the victim refused to accept another lewd call from the suspect, he became angry and threatened to shoot the victim. The suspect's address was obtained through a phone tap, and Officer Patterson, along with Detectives Lopez and Valle, conducted a follow-up to the suspect's location and took him into custody. The CA filed six counts of 653MA PC and one count of 422PC against the suspect.

On December 8, a victim, carrying her nine-month-old daughter, was walking home in the area of 52nd and San Pedro when a 24-year-old female suspect approached her from behind and attempted to take her infant. A struggle ensued. Several citizens came to the victim's aid. The police were called. When they arrived, citizens pointed out the suspect and she was taken into custody. The DA filed one count of attempt kidnap, one count battery, and one count battery on a police officer.

And, during December, 1999, Newton Community Relations Office, for the 9th consecutive year, distributed more than 700 Christmas food baskets to needy families in the area helping to make their Christmas a little happier.

DON'T FORGET THE NEWTON REUNION, Friday, October 13, 2000, 75th anniversary of Newton Division. Contact Det. Kellie Baitx, 323-846-6556, 3400 S. Central Ave., Los Angeles, 90011.

Newton Division Reunion

February 2000 marks the 75th anniversary of Newton Division. A reunion is planned for Friday, Oct. 13th at the old Police Academy in Elysian Park to celebrate this milestone in history.

Contact Detective Kellie Baitx, Newton Homicide at (323) 846-6566 for more information.

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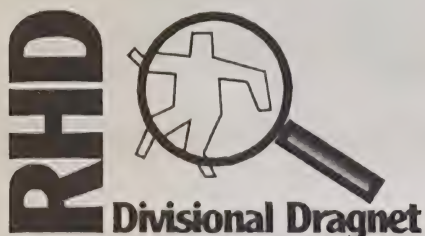
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery-Homicide Divisional

Commendable Incident

During the month of December, Central Division was terrorized by a bank robber that was responsible for seven bank robberies. Seems this guy needed some extra Christmas money. RHD Bank Squad Detectives **Paul Robi** and **Joe O'Donnell** took over the investigative responsibility of this case. The detectives distributed the suspect description and crime M.O. to all Central Division patrol officers. On December 30th Central Division patrol officers **R. Abad**, #27911, and **M. Fernandez**, #34636, unit 1X37, were patrolling the 600 block of Wilshire Blvd. when they observed an individual that matched the description of the bank robber walking away from a Bank of America. Simultaneously, the bank's security officer ran outside of the bank, flagged down the officers and informed them that the bank had just been 211'd by the individual that the officers had observed. The officers requested assistance and with the help of Officers **J. Boyle**, #26640, and **A.**

Rheault, #33961, 1Cycle44 arrested this heathen without incident.

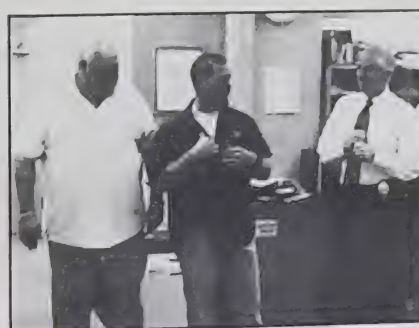
Central Division Officers **A. Bonner**, #32241, **C. Garcia**, #3361, **R. McCain**, #24740, **J. Valles**, #21348, and **V. Taylor**, #30128, responded to the location and assisted with the follow-up investigation. Officers **Abad** and **Taylor** conducted two field show-ups that resulted in the positive identification of this suspect. The officers also recovered the U.S. currency that this life stole from the bank.

All of these officers are to be commended for their attention to duty, observation skills, rapid response and sound tactics that resulted in the arrest of this bad guy. It is the professional actions of officers such as these that remind the world what a great police department LAPD really is. Great job!

RHD Family Business

Well, if you were watching the news last month you would have seen that RHD was again in the news in a "big" way. The entire 3rd floor of PAB, including the Chief of Police and the entire Police Commission, came to our roll call on February 1st to celebrate Robbery Special's D-III **Jack "Mr. Robbery" Giroud's** 44th anniversary with LAPD. That's right, 44 years of dedicated service to the City of L.A. Jack is still out there handling cases, conducting line-ups and serving as the President of the California Robbery Investigators Association. Jack, who had four years on the job before I was even thought of, is like the Energizer bunny—he keeps on going and

going and going. Even with all this time on the job he is still number 2 on the

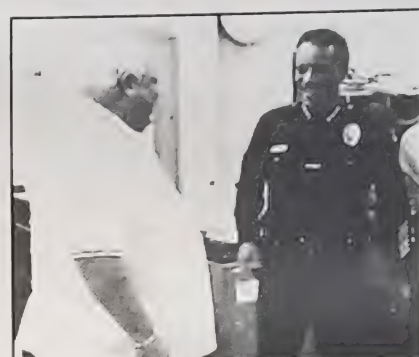


Jack, his grandson David (he works COBRA), and Capt. Tatreau.

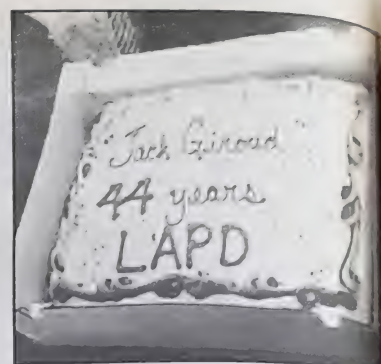
department in seniority; however, he is number 1 in seniority when it comes to Robbery Detectives in the United States.

RHD News

Well it's about time. We would like to congratulate D-III **Ray "Boom Boom" Hernandez**, a 20-year Homicide Detective, on his recent successful completion of the department's BASIC homicide



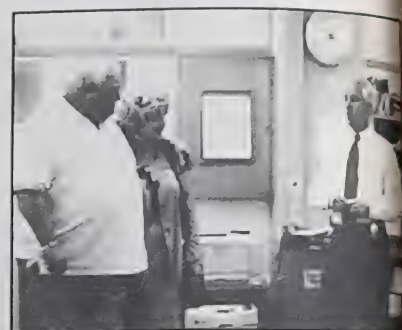
school. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Don't forget the RHD reunion this summer (June 10th). Looks



Feb. 1st roll call at RHD—Jack Giroud, 44 years with LAPD.

like the cost will be about \$20 a person. That will cover the food, drinks and a gift. We are looking forward to seeing all current and retired RHD personnel at this family steak fry.

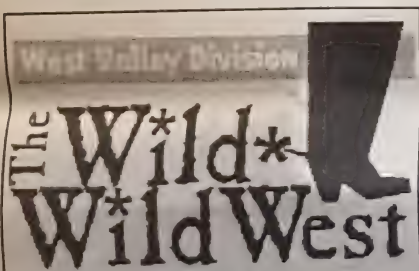
That about covers it for this month. On a personal note, I would like to wish my



Jack, his wife Dixie, and Capt. Tatreau.

partner and friend, from my days at Newton Patrol and Vice, D-I **Gene Solis**, #21055 (DHD Missing Persons) a happy retirement. Gene was one of those "old time" coppers that always did the job the right way. Stay healthy and enjoy a long and fruitful retirement.

Until next time, be safe.



by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

There must be something in the water out here in West Valley. In my nanosecond on the job, I have never seen so many babies being born in one division. Apparently, many of our brother and sister officers were going for the Y2K baby lottery. I think **Chad Hall** was the closest to having a baby at New Year's. Too bad there wasn't a pool (of course that would be gambling on the job, which is misconduct, which would be a bad thing). Anyway, as of the summer of 1999, there have been 15 new members to the WVAL family. That's a lot of diapers and formula! What's even better, is that more are on the way. Stay tuned for more birth announcements.

The West Valley Stork Report

The Stork continues to be VERY busy here at WVAL. Apparently, this overworked bird needs to use a UPS truck to fill all of his deliveries. Our new WVAL parents include:

PO-3 **Dondee Stout**, who is the proud father of a new baby girl. **Blaise Lane Stout** entered the world at 8 pounds, 7 ounces. **Blaise**, mom and dad are all doing fine.

PO-2 **Chad Hall** is the proud daddy of a brand new baby girl. **Breanna Lee Hall** entered the world at 9 pounds, 1 ounce, 22 inches long. **Breanna**, mom and the tired daddy are all doing fine.

P-2 **Jeffrey Briscoe** is the proud daddy of his fourth child, a baby boy. **Brodie Cade Briscoe** was born 10 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 inches long. The family is all doing well.

West Valley Sports Report

Our WVAL sports program continues, as strong as ever. The WVAL basketball team actually won some games this season. The team captain, P-3 **Roy Brown**, used all the tricks in the coached book to keep the team motivated and going strong. The team was plagued by a rash of injuries, and court cases, that

weakened the bench his season. The gutsy WVAL hoopsters did make it to the playoffs (as did every other team in the league), but exited the tournament in the early rounds. Better luck next year guys.

Baker-to-Vegas runners are preparing for the April 14-17 event. Time trials and meeting are ongoing. Keep an ear out for dates and times. Sgt. **Garcia** is heading up the team this year. If you're a runner (all you P-1s should be already signed up), get in touch with Sgt. **Garcia**. The team needs support team members (the backbone of the team). Sign up today. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations. The Rio Hotel is again hosting the event. The Tropicana Hotel is where the race will finish this year. Space is limited at the crap tables, so make those reservations ASAP.

The West Valley softball team is in spring training, as we speak. Manager/Sgt.-2 **Paul Sciarrillo** and team captain P-3 **Roy Brown** lead the defending Red Davis Champions into the 2000 season. The team lost some punch, due to promotions and transfers, and "retirements," but Sgt. **Sciarrillo** believes the team still strong, w/returning players like Sgt.-1 **Lozano**, **Roy Brown**, **Tom Gahry**, **Tony Ljubetic**, and **Jeff Stahl**. The WVAL squad actually adds some power, with the addition of players like Chris "the disappointment" **Crosby** (free agent signing from the Van Nuys Club), along with the return of **Todd Booth** from the DL. The WVAL team has a solid starting line-up, good pitching, and a head's up bench that will put WVAL on solid ground, as they defend their title. Good luck men!

The Welcome Mat

We have many new faces, along with old friends returning, here at WVAL. D-1s **R. Camp** (JUV), **S. Park** (OCVD), and **S. Sewell** (OCVD), along with D-2s **M. Arias** (DSD) and **J. Sanchez** (NHWD) are new additions to our detective ranks.

Our new P-3s include **J. Nuttall** and **M. Jacobik** (SW). These classmates must do everything together.

The new faces in patrol include P-2s **S. Lee**, **J. Lukaszewski**, **J. Zaragozana**, **Nunez**, and **J. Romines** (FTHL), and **L. Walden** (NE), **E. Damiano** (PAC), **G. Arsenault** (RAMP), **A. Martin** (SW), **Pedroche** (VNYS), **G. Madera** (VTD), **J. Cerda** and **C. Halliday** (WIL), along with **K. Wong**. Our new P-1s are **L. Garrett** and **M. Rodriguez**. Get ready to work folks.

A BIG welcome back goes out to three old friends. P-2s **C. Roberts** (WLA) and **S. Whitelaw** (NE), along with P-3 **D. Paulson** (VNYS) have been returned to the WVAL family. Sgt.-1 **Tom Mason** (PAC) returns home to take over the bike unit. Welcome back guys.

Movin' On Out

We said goodbye to a few friends over the last few months. D-1s **J. Romero** (ATD) and **R. Huerta** (VTD), Sgt.-1s **L. Jurado** (RAMP) and **M. Pompano** (Glasshouse), P-2s **J. Mojica** (CENT), **A. James**, **L. Guy**, and **V. Reade** (HWD), **E. Rosales** (NE), **J. Carrillo** and **A. Downs** (TBD), **F. Gonzalez** (VNYS), **D. Lee** (VTD), **C. Walker** and **T. Luna** (WIL), **P. Murray** and **J. Newman** (WLA), **C. Shaw** (CRS), **J. Acevedo**, TJ's better half (NHWD), **C. Wycoff** (PAC), and **S. Wilcox** (SW). Good luck to everyone and keep in touch, Jay!

Climbing the Tall Ladder of Success

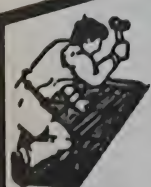
Congratulations to new Sgt.-2 **Al Sorkness**, WVAL's newest AWC, new D-2 **T. West** and **R. Huerta** (VTD), new Sgt.-1 **Joe Kalyn**, who goes to Wilshire Division, new SLO **T. Valadez**, new WVAL Vice P-3 **T. Ljubetic**, and **M. Jacobik** and **J. Nuttall**, our newest P-3s from Southwest. Congratulations to all of you, from all of us.

Well, that's it for this month. I have been promising pictures for the article. I will get them in. I promise... really. Stay safe and watch your back—they're videotaping you.

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VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

First I would like to cover a somewhat important promotion. **Carlton Cook**, long-time P-2 at Van Nuys, kinda skipped all the in-between stuff and was promoted to sergeant and shipped off to Central. I don't care if it was the last band to make it, we all liked Carlton and are glad he made it. The first thing he did was to check out the Central Area workout room. Only the best of everything to you, Sgt. Cook.

We were all standing around the Watch Commander's office today and the and the subject came up about my unruly hair. Well, then we looked at **John Artes'**

latest do. **Jodi** thought it looked like a bird's nest, I thought of a fluffy flattop, but **Glen** had it closest—a Gia head.

Van Nuys continues to be one of those places where nothing ever happens. Except for the bomb aside the freeway off-ramp by Sepulveda. We tried to pawn it off on West Valley, but they were quick to break out the maps and sure enough, it was Van Nuys Area. I hate it when they do that. Well, Lt. **Wakefield** responded and set up the necessary stuff and the bomb squad was summoned and did their thing. Then the following week another bomb behind the shopping center at Satcoy and Louise. **Wolfgang Hundertmark** set up his usual tightly-run perimeter. We all thought it was all for nothing until the bomb squad arrived, and a short time later "fire in the hole." Wait a moment, guys, these devices are always phony. Okay, not this time (again). Then some good follow-up investigation located the maker of this device and three hundred pounds of explosives were recovered and one mad bomber booked. As if this was not enough, the very next week three young "Skinheads" (gotta watch how I say that or **Mark Barnes** and **Rafi**

Khandikian will be on my case blinding me with their shaved heads), these three fine young peoples were busy testing pipe bombs in their backyard. After all, they don't sell fireworks in L.A. A neighbor got tired of this and went out and took the third bomb away from them, then carried the bomb to his house, phoned the police, and then thought better and took the bomb back outside. All three booked for possession of explosives. The citizen was warned, but not booked for gross stupidity.

Everyone seemed to note that all three occurrences were in the area of Senior Lead **George Aguilar**. We may have to send off this territory and George back to West Valley and reduce our crime rate.

As if this was not enough excitement (remember this is all Day Watch stuff), another week goes by and a "see the man holding a 211 suspect" is broadcast. **Rob Gasior** shows up. **Tom** and I show up, **Mark Kelly** and **Tom Escalera** arrive. I did hold the pawn shop door open so everyone could rush in. The suspect pointed his 9mm at the pawn shop owner, who decided he liked his money more than the suspect did, promptly ran into the back room and armed himself, then cranked off a round at the suspect. The bad guy decided that this was a good time to give up. Mark then got a surprise when he searched the suspect and found a .38 cal revolver in his waistband. Good job, Mark. Oh, by the way, **Tony Cabunoc**, who received the call code three, finally found his way to the location in time to write the reports.

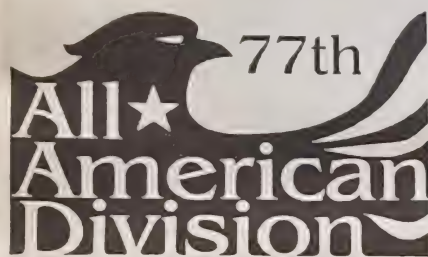
Then today, **Ron Allen** and his partner, **Marco Sobrino**, get a radio call, GTA suspect now. A witness observed a suspect breaking into his neighbor's SUV. A male black in an area just crawling with Hispanics and Thais. So what does this suspect do? He wanders outside

his pad, a block away, talking on the cell phone he stole from the SUV. **Glen O'Shea** and his partner, **Tarek Ismail**, spotted this sharp guy and chased him into his apartment building where the suspect disappeared. Wonder how the manager could possibly remember where "Mr. Cool" lived. As the suspect was being booked, Tarek noted glass and plastic in the suspect's socks and shoes. Wonder how this debris could possibly match up to the car that was broken into? Then another citizen approaches and stated that he saw this same suspect getting out of the stolen vehicle last week. A check of DFARS linked our fine fellow to this ride. To wrap it all up, the suspect asked, "If I plead guilty, will I get a lighter sentence?" Sure thing, guy. Well, like I said, nothing ever happens in the Valley.

Timekeeper **Jim Rigney** would like us to turn in our overtime slips in a timely manner. Things got out of hand when Sgt. **Rodolfo Lopez** turned in an overtime slip dated 01-01-0000. That OT slip is 2,000 years old, Sergeant. Wait, do you have any furniture made by that guy from Nazareth?

In closing, a few of us 30-year guys have compiled a top ten list of why we can't retire: 1. We are too light for heavy work; 2. We are too heavy for light work; 3. We are too lazy to look for another job; 4. Our wives can't stand us being home that much; 5. All the property in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is bought up; 6. We work the Valley and do not know how to find 150 N. Los Angeles Street; 7. Mutual funds are dropping, fast; 8. Bradley embezzled all of the retirement funds; 9. We just can't give up all those on-duty contacts; 10. No one will write the *Blue Line*.

See ya next.



by Officer Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

It's All Good

Congratulations to Det. **Gary Higginbotham**, #16801, Officer **Bob Bermudez**, #25209, and PSR **June Coleman**, #C9782, for being recognized by their peers as "employees of the third quarter for 1999." Kudos also to Officer **Mike Sagera**, #31017, and Officer **Mel Durant**, #31217, on their recent promotions to PIII. Athlete of the Month goes to P3 **Salaam Rahman Abdul**. Salaam is an active participant in the sports of basketball and weightlifting. Congrats, buddy!

On the Run

With Baker to Vegas only a few short months away, we have begun to concentrate our divisional efforts hoping to make this another great success for our runners and support personnel. Sgt. **Mark Caswell**, #22214, is doing an outstanding job in raising funds for our team. We have some great looking "77th Street" items for sale in our watch commander's office, and all the proceeds go to our running and support team. Officer **Mike Martinez**, #31675, is overseeing the runners since Officer **Perry Griffith**, #27126, is recovering from knee surgery.



Sgt. Mark Caswell and one of the many items we have for sale at the 77th Street Store...

Behling, DeQueen Police Department, Lt. **Cleve Barfield**, Corporal **Butch Godwin**, Corporal **Hays McWhirter**, Sgt. **Jack Ursery**, and Corporal **Lynn Benedict**, Arkansas State Police.

Remember to count your blessings every day and also remember that there will always be another job, but you will



Probationary Officers **Alicia Cordova**, **Tracie Noggle**, **Romeo Tamparong**, **Kristan Zalokar**, and **Erika Spence** looking and feeling like PII's at a party, but yet knowing better!

Officer **Renee Minnick**, #25738, is the OIC of our "support team." If anyone would like to join us, just give us a call.

A 77th Street Thank You

On behalf of 77th Street division, we would all like to thank the DeQueen

never have another family. One day we all will be called back "home," and don't think for one minute that when that time comes you will be thinking, "Gee, I wish I'd spent more time at the station."

Be safe.

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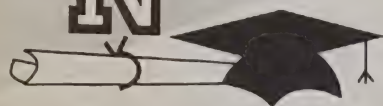
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

ACADEMY NEWS



by David Koeh
Training Division

Chief Parks' Visit

Chief Parks visited the 1-2000 Class to welcome them to the Los Angeles Police Department. Parks spoke about



Chief Parks speaking to the 8A-99 Recruit Officer Class.

providing high ethical standards and loyalty to both the public and our Department. Chief Parks then attended the 8A-99 Class Pride Run presentation at the front of the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, prior to the class' departure for the event. Parks provided words of encouragement and congratulations for the senior class. A recruit officer from the 8A-99 Class then presented a Pride Run tee shirt to the Chief.

Top Instructor for the 8A-99 Class

The 8A-99 Class selected Officer Flor Rodriguez (Spanish Training Unit) as the Outstanding Instructor for



Officer Flor Rodriguez with the 8A-99 Class.

their class. Congratulations! Flor has been a very inspirational officer for both recruits, as well as personnel on our Department.

New Baby

Robert Dietz (Physical Training/Self-Defense) and his wife, Christine, are the proud parents of Robert, Jr. He was born on February 4, 2000, at 1000 hours. He is 20-1/2 inches in height and weighs 8-1/2 pounds. Bob Dietz stated that he will develop a calisthenics exercise program, immediately, so that Robert, Jr. will begin his exercising program next week.

Transfers

Sgt. Minini has been transferred to Metropolitan Division. Officers Lim (Tactics Training Unit) and Stiger (Human Relations Training Unit) have been transferred to the Continuing Education Division. Officer Kalkus (Recruit Coordination Training Unit) has been transferred to Metropolitan Division. Officer Gonzalez (Academic Instruction Training Unit) has been transferred to Narcotics Division. Officer Burrus (Administrative Unit) has been transferred to Pa-



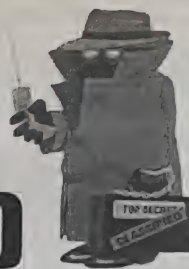
Officer Mel Gamble with his 8A-99 Recruit Officer Class.

cific Division. Officer Wilson (Recruit Coordination Training Unit) has been transferred to Southwest Division. Good luck to all of you!

Officers Burton (Foothill Division), Wong (Harbor Division), Willis (Juvenile Division), Levenson (Pacific Division), Bailey (Southeast Division), Smith (Southeast Division), and

Fletcher (Southeast Division) have been transferred to our Division. Welcome to all of you!

The Secret Is Out On OCVD



by Doris Andrews
Organized Crime & Vice Division

Y2K Anniversaries

On Wednesday, February 2nd, Organized Crime and Vice Division honored their Senior Clerk Typist, Ms. Virginia Amado on her 30-year anniversary with the Los Angeles Police Department. Ms.



Virginia Amado's 30 year anniversary. Pictured are: Capt. Richard Roupoli, Virginia Amado, and Capt. Roger Coombs.

Amado has been a mainstay at O.C.V.D. since January, 1983. When asked if she planned to do second 30, she replied "I might do another 700 days, but who's counting."

Det. III Enoch McClain, #16714 (class of 1-71) celebrated his 29th anniversary on January 25th. Det. II Trifone "Joe, the Glue" Nicassio, #17315, celebrated his 28th anniversary on January 24th. Det. Steven J. Lopez, #16814, Det. III James L. Miller #16820, and Det. II Robert D. Selvidge, #16834 (class of 2-71) celebrated their 29th year on February 23rd.

Senior Clerk Typist Lorraine Lara-Garcia celebrated her 10-year anniversary on August 31, 1999. It was 10 years on the job with the city of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department and O.C.V.D. (formerly Organized Crime Intelligence Division back then) all on the same day!

Lorraine and her husband, Lalo, also celebrated 10 years of marriage on November 25th and renewed their vows on Thanksgiving morning in a private church ceremony surrounded by family and close friends. Their daughter, Lauren, stood by as maid-of-honor. Congratulations, Lorraine, on both anniversaries!

Other significant anniversaries include Lt. II Ken Lady who sneaked into his 30th year on December 29, 1999.

Our sincere congratulations to all of you for your commitment and accomplishments!!

My apologies if I missed anyone with an anniversary. We'll get you next month.

Our Millennium Baby

On December 30, Det. Liliana Arreygue went into labor. Her husband, Manuel, rushed her to West Hills Hospital. Liliana and Manuel debated whether they would be able to claim their new daughter on their 1999 tax return, but their daughter settled that discussion. Mariel Victoria Arreygue made her debut on 1/3/2000 (after four days of labor. Good job, Liliana). She was six pounds and 19 inches long. Baby and parents are doing fine.

You Bet... Loses

In December, 1997, Detectives from Organized Crime and Vice Division, Gambling Unit, began an investigation into the YouBet Racing Network located in West Los Angeles, Ladbroke Racing in Pennsylvania and Concentric Network, an Internet service provider in San Jose.

YouBet provided customers with an Internet software program allowing customers to place wagers on horse races throughout the United States including California, through Ladbroke's wagering system in Pennsylvania. Off-track betting is a felony in the state of California. After a two-year investigation, detectives had established an undercover account and were able to place wagers. This complex case was presented to the L.A. County District Attorney's Office High Tech Crime Task

Force for consideration of prosecution. The local FBI office and U.S. Attorney's Office also provided assistance. An extensive search warrant was written and served on YouBet. Evidence seized during the search revealed that California residents were the largest percentage of customers in YouBet's account.

Legal counsel for YouBet, although refusing to admit guilt, entered into an agreement with the D.A.'s office for civil penalties for violating the state unfair labor practice laws. The amount of civil penalties assessed against YouBet was in the amount of \$1.3 million. A portion of that penalty was for restitution to law enforcement, with the largest percentage of restitution going to the LAPD. The rest of the monetary penalty was distributed to charity groups for problem gamblers, as



Mariel Arreygue.

well as providing computers to schools. Also, as a part of the lawsuit, YouBet is prohibited from accepting wagers from California residents and is ordered by the court to move a large portion of their business outside the state of California.

This lawsuit settlement should send a message to the Internet gambling community that enforcement of Internet gambling violations is going to be enforced until proper legislation is written. Congratulations to OCVD detectives for having the courage to step up and take on the first case involving Internet gambling in U.S. history.

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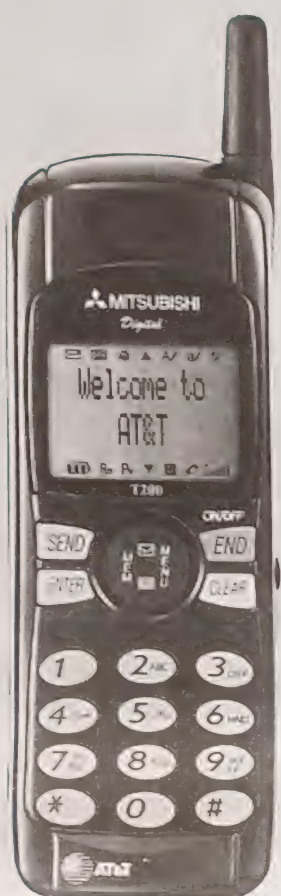
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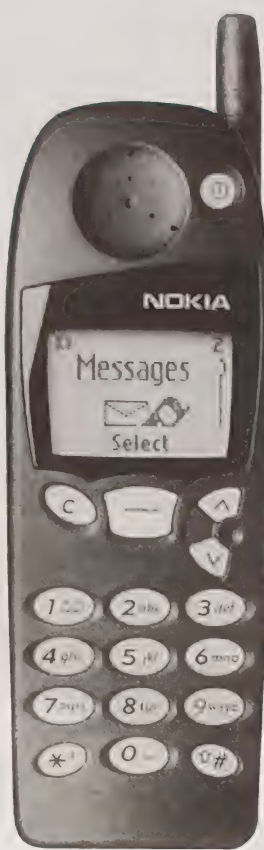
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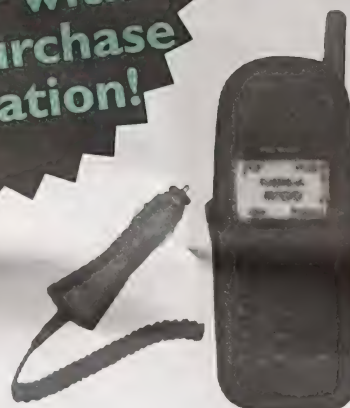
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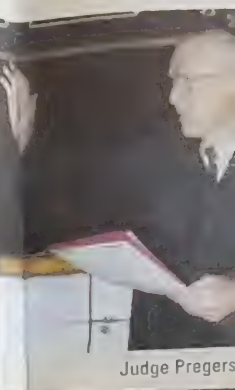
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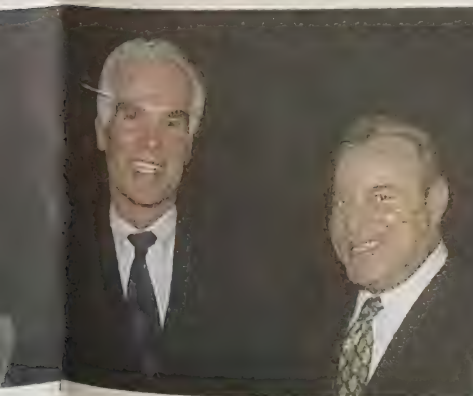
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Directors take the oath

DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Officers to be commended: Police Officers II **Darrell Davis**, #32256, and **Christopher Haines**, #32853

On January 16, 2000, at 1700, officers were in uniform patrol in the area of Van Nuys Blvd. and San Fernando Road when they observed a subject spray painting on a storage container in the vacant lot of "Buena Casa Lumber." They took enforcement action and attempted to contact the subject, but the subject ran and a short foot pursuit ensued. The subject succumbed to the superior opponent. Winded and gasping for breath, the graffiti artist submitted to custody without incident. It is well known one of the quality of live issues and biggest blights in the community is graffiti. While nuclear terrorism, biological warfare, missile crises, rogue bands of kidnappers and assassins and so forth may make for good newspaper fodder and media sensationalism, the bottom line is that graffiti drags down the morale of collective groups of homeowners faster than most anything else. Its pernicious nature is on display for all to see and a definite nuisance to clean up. I commend the officers for

their investigative and observational prowess. Incidentally, this suspect is on probation for a recent arrest for the



L.A.'s most decorated officer.

same offense. Their preemptive strike on this lawlessness is hereby cited.

Commendation written by Sgt. I **Wes Buhrmester**, #25214, Foothill Supervisor.

Foothill Sports

Let's get ready for softball, for the division team and our co-ed team. Practices are on Mondays at Branford Park in Arleta at 1100 hours on Branford St. and Beachy Ave. The inter-department league will start in March and co-ed will have its first tournament at the Arizona Police Games in April. For information, call 818-608-4111.

The station is having time trials for the Baker to Vegas running team for the big race in April. We're having bake

sales and our station fund snack shop will help support our team. Team captains are P-3 **Koeller**, #21763 (loan to juv), and **Hayley Purece**, #33192 (patrol).

Congratulations

Officer II **Mariana Sanchez**, #31603, had a baby boy in November 15, 1999, **Ryan Wesley Fisher**. He was nine pounds, and we're glad to have her back.

In and Outs

Well, we're saying goodbye to P-3+1 **Teresa Wilson**, #24298, who did a great job with the Pacoima community leaders. Teresa had a big heart with the community, always responding to all the community needs and helping fellow officers. Officer Wilson was promoted to Sgt. I to Central morning watch. Sgt. Wilson, good luck and we will miss your friendship and leadership.

We would like to welcome Sgt. **Alonso**, #26274, Sgt. **Torres**, #30304.

Detectives

Congratulations to P-3 **John Perez**, #30791, wkg OSD, Homicide team #5. He went to a foreign country to get married. A year ago he met his new wife, **Yolanda**, when she came from Tepic, Nayarit, Mexico, to enroll at Citrus College to enhance her knowledge of the English language and her



Ryan Wesley Fisher, born Nov. 15, 1999 (9 lbs., 0 oz., 11:24pm, 22.5 inches) to Dewey and Mariana Fisher.

studies to become a Spanish broadcaster at one of the local Spanish stations. John and Yolanda met at one of their family parties. They were introduced the old fashioned way with family members involved. Talking to John it was love at first sight. They dated for over a year and were married in Mexico. He took a month vacation to enjoy his honeymoon. I see John walking through the halls of the station and he has a big glow on his face. I wish you and your wife the best.

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RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin
Employee Opportunity and
Development Division

If you ask a recruiter currently assigned to our section how much time was spent with their loved ones over the past month, you probably won't like the response. Texas, San Diego, San Francisco, plane flights, bad hotel rooms, slow rental cars, and a couple of thousand miles later, we tested over six hundred potential candidates last month, not including the four hundred from here in town. This is the most testing we have conducted in a one-month period in well over a year. The ingredients are: good solid recruiting, pin pointed advertising, and a great support team back in the office to assist candidates further.

Since our recruiting staff has grown tremendously in the past year, I want to list everyone's names to let you know how hard they have been working. They are Officers **Frank Ramirez**, #26415, **Valencia Thomas**, #32136, **Frank Banuelos**, #31093, **Rosa Torres**, #31867, **Joe Torres**, #31468, **Linda**

Peace, #32392, **Joe Ferreira**, #31051, **Ken Roa**, #31690, **Connie Guerrero**, #31295, **Lin Hom**, #31821, **Phil Stine**, #31024, **Diane Alonzo**, #31031, **Danny Chao**, #31965, **Gerry Gagarin**, #30582, **Kip Jackson**, #31733, **Keith Aulick**, #30870, **Tracy McClanahan**, #30131, and of course **J. D. Garcia**, #32362. Our bosses are Sgt. II **Bill Frio**, #21752, **SMA Claudia Dunn**, #G9428, and our great support staff of SCT **Katherine Bermudez**, #V9424, and **MA Rhonda Dillihunt**, #G9646. We would also like to welcome SCT **Lorraine Juarez**, #E8646. Good job everyone and keep focused on the long haul.

Recruitment would like to thank the LAPD Internet Unit for keeping our efforts first priority. Our combined efforts will keep the candidates going to the tests.

Although this is a step in the right direction, we still have a long way to go so please encourage someone that you think would make a good police officer to call our section, and you could also receive \$200 from the city. Our number is (323) 957-4529, or have them go to our Web site at www.lapdonline.org to find out the locations for the National testing campaign. New York, Chicago, North and South Carolina, Kansas City, and Denver just to name a few. We are also advertising overseas to military employees. If you know anybody over there, have them look in the Stars and Stripes.

Stay safe and I'll talk to you next month.

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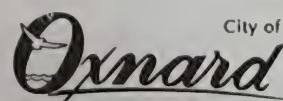
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All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from the hub. Happy spring and happy St. Paddy's day to all! Here's the latest from the very crowded 2nd floor of Fort Davis.

Incoming

Filling in the platoons are Michael Glenn (A), Kevin Grogan (B), Daniel Pesqueira (C), James Lewis (G), Timothy Kalkus (G), Juan Reyes (G), Randall Yang (C), Paul San Fillippo (G), Adam O'Neill (G), Lawrence Martinez (B), David Keortge (B), Anthony Cato (A), Siaga Hosea (A), Francisco Arredondo (C), Marcus Gibbens (A), James Gastelo (B), Gregory Houser (B), Leonard Perez (A), Victor Escobedo (C), and Lino Santana (C). Welcome to the Metro family.

Outgoing

Adios Senior Hector Feliciano. Hector is vacating an A pltn spot for CED (Continuing Education Division) Tactical Unit at the academy. Best wishes on your future endeavors. See 'ya at the finish line!

Making Seasons Bright

Each holiday season SWAT officers participate in the annual Orthopaedic Hospital toy drive. Christmas past was

no exception. Beginning last November, officers distributed toy drop-off boxes to over 100 Cal Fed banks and businesses. Over \$60,000 in toys and gifts were collected. During the third week of December officers volunteered to participate in the Santa's workshop to distribute toys to children. Ten thousand toys were given out including new toys for the pediatric playroom and a special gift to the surgery patients. Doug Reid, Rick Anzaldo, Bill Casey, Ossie Crenshaw, Bobby Gallegos, Steve Gordon, James Hart, Joe Martinez, Gil Pinel,

heart who donned a Santa suit and displayed a special interest in each child. Feliz Navidad.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to a member of the Metro Calvary. Rich Eirich has gone and done it. He married his long-time sweetheart, Schenley, in November. Best wishes for continued happiness.

Maternity Ward

Congratulations to C teamer Jim McConnell and wife, Anne. Son Andrew was born on January 25th



Santa's Helpers: (L-F) Bill Casey, Ossie Crenshaw, Steve Scallon, Steve Stear, Rick Anzaldo, Santa, Jimmy Hart, Louie Villalobos, Gil Pinel and Jaime Rubalcava.

Keith Provin, Todd Rheingold, Jaime Rubalcava, Steve Scallon, Randy Simmons, Steve Stear, Jeff Tepich, Louie Villalobos, Doug Dingman, Mark Akiyoshi and Ralph Ward were Santa's crew. Included in the group was one volunteer with an especially big

weighing in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces, 20-1/2 inches. Andrew joins big sister Shannon. Let's see, will that be class of 2017 or 2018? Wow.

Kennel Club

Congratulations to K9-13 Hans Almaraz and partner, Tonka, and to K9-14, Jeff Miller and partner, Benji. Both handlers and partners are completely field certified and ready for business.

Open for Business

Welcome to Sgt. Randy Minini from Training Division. 50G joins Lt. Steve LaRoche, Sgt. Don Schwartz, Sgt. Jerry Tomic and Sgt. Ernie Haleck as squad leaders in the newly formed G platoon. Filling in the assistant squad leader positions are Ed Mahaffey, Manny Redruello, Al Cota, Larry Bavaro, Curtis Lawson, Jon Tippet and three new spots unavailable at press time. Filling in the platoon are Alex Baez, Neil Coward, Nancy Alford, Mary Davis, Mike Henderson, Gary Koba, Chris Soldo, Jim Thornton, Juan Sanchez, Ed Villalta, Chris Reckleff, Pat McCarty, Rudy Chong, Nelson Fong, Burt Strogatz, Teddy Gonzalez, Abe Flores, Marcelo Raffi, Johnny Smith, Memo Galvan, Chuck Coleman, Ed "Choo Choo" Sun, Shannon Hale, Steve Much, Al Mendoza, Art Aguirre, Jim McConnell, Gary Thrall, Joe Diaz, Tim McCarthy, Kelly Sandell and Don Poirier.

Hello Out There

Greetings to Mark Richardson. Get well soon wishes to Manny Gonzales, Chris Rowles and Rudy Romero.

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R-10 girl, clear.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Southern lip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Let's start the year off and wish a few of the injured personnel good luck and a better year for 2000. Harbor has been having a run of bad luck with damaged persons. The following persons have been off for some time and no return in sight: Sheryl Reynolds, Fausto Bustos, Jamie Moore, Toni DiPaolo, Karen Kos, Stephan Morris, Andrew Wunderlich, Jeromy Paciorkowski, Matthew Murray, Alex Rojas, Leonard Avila, Dana Furuta, John Hunt, Sally Procaccini, Morris Ladoe, Michael Fletcher, John Urban, Randy Barr, Samantha Tabares, and Phillip Clayson. Their injuries are varied, but no less painful. I wish all of them a healthy recovery and best wishes from all of us at Harbor. If you should know any of these individuals, old partners, friends or classmates, give them a phone call and cheer up their spirits. This could be you one day and a phone call can do wonders for a healthier recovery.

We've had a few off sick, long term, that have returned to work and were happy to do so. You can only stay off so long before boredom sets in. Welcome back Judy Haiser. It's nice to have your smiling, happy face roaming the hallways again.

Caper of the Month has to go to Bicycle Officers Dan Robbins,

#32492, and Kevin Hartter, #33148. During January these dedicated officers went to Harbor Range to do the monthly qualification thing. When they peddled into the range parking lot they observed a vehicle and person that looked out of place. Being the astute individuals they are, they went to check him out. While talking with the suspect, he stated he was trying to get some gasoline for his vehicle. I don't know about you, but has anyone seen a gasoline pump lately at the range? This was the big clue that led them to run a want on the license plate. Lo and behold, the license returned to a Torrance stolen. Needless to say, the speed freak car thief went to jail for the stolen vehicle. If the crook had been thinking, he would have told them he was just there to get a little shooting in. I think they named a movie after this goofball-"Dumb and Dumber."

Transfers are picking up. We had a bit of movement occur out and in to Harbor: Det. I H. Chang picked up the three stripes and went to WLA. Sgt. J. Girard returned to Harbor Vice for his second tour. We had a few come in this transfer: A. Villapando, R. Evans, T. Higgs, T. Evans-Lewis, M. Burrola and W. Torres. Bailing out are: D. Anderson, E. Early, D. Schiffer, M. Goodwin, R. Guerrero, J. Mendoza, T. Deluccia, R. Carter and T. Carpenter. Only one newby: J. Kelly from Training.

Congratulations go to D. Galindo for coming out of Vice and picking up a 3+1 spot. E. Raupp also picked a P-3 spot at Harbor.

I wish all of you the best in your young careers. Keep moving around on this Department. Remember, it's harder to hit a moving target.

It's very easy to walk around with a frown on your mug, from doing this job, but if you smile it keeps them guessing and not knowing what you are up to. You make the choice. ❖

THE Eastern N Horizon

by Ruben Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Here it is, March already. Another year flying by. Here's hoping you had a wonderful St. Valentine's Day in the company of your sweetheart. This is going to be an extremely short column; I'll make it up to you on the next one.

Stork News

I begin this month with the proverbial new baby announcement. This month, the honor goes to Officer Gerardo Terrazas. Officer



Officer Custodio Ponce looking "GQ."

Terrazas is the proud new father of a bouncing baby boy. Little Gerardo David Terrazas made his presence known on February 1, 2000, at precisely 1426 hours, arriving at a healthy 8 pounds, 5 ounces and measuring 20-1/2 inches in length. Mother, father and baby are all doing well. Gerardo, congratulations on your family addition. May he live a long and prosperous life.

Moving On Up

Congratulations go out to Officers Ralph Mendoza and Jaime Martin on their recent promotion to P-3. Both officers are



Officers Darly Cornwell and Steve Zavaca trying to put a good story together.

now assigned to the Hollenbeck Vice unit. We wish both of you the best of luck in your new assignment.

Baker to Vegas

The 2000 Challenge Cup Relay is just around the corner and we are still in need of support personnel.



HOBK Queen Cheryl Katona showing Brandy Danielson all the party spots

To volunteer your time, see Austin Fernald in the SLO office

So Long

We bid farewell to Officer Curtis Morton, now patrolling the streets of 77th Division and to Officer Cesar Leal, now protecting the citizens of Newton Division.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Tony "no neck" Ramirez. Please don't beat me up! ❖

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by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

In-Outs-N-Ups

Time to look around and see who is new and who has left. I don't see P-3s M. Glenn, K. Grogan, J. Lewis, or P-2 D. Pesqueira, guess they all went to Metro. And even M. Strosnider, V. Ceccia and P. Rodriguez have all left for Narco Division. P-2 J. Sydanmaa has left for PAC-LAX, J. Ingalls is en route to S/E Div. and D. Shields is gone to Van Nuys. Even A. Ramirez left for SID.

But let's look on the bright side. Over there is newly arrived Det. 1 B. Pogue from N/E. P-3s K. Sepanlou (DEV), P. Arrue (FTHL), R. Wigginton (NHWD). Then we got P-2s S. Disabato from DEV, J. Hennington (DEV), I. Millan (HARB), R. Serrano (NHWD), J. Wilson (NHWD), J. Jaime (RAMP), M. Burdine (SE), M. Berreta (SW), M. Trevino (TD-REG), G. Lara (VNY), S. Biggs (VTD), L. Guy (WVL), and V. Reade (WVAL). Congratulations go to newly promoted P-3 M. Martinez (HWD).

Civilian Employee of the Year 1999

Senior Clerk Typist Nedra Stamps has worked Hollywood Operations Support Division for one year. She came to us after a knee injury she received as a recruit officer in the academy ended her

dream to become a Los Angeles Police Officer. Nedra worked a variety of assignments with the Los Angeles Police Department as she made the transition to working the civilian support side of our police family. She received several commendations from the chief of police for her extraordinary work skills.

Her positive can-do attitude and pleasant personality are truly an asset to the Hollywood Operations Support Division. While working for the Hollywood captains and detectives she has displayed her professionalism and pleasant personality. Nedra has earned the admiration, respect and gratitude of all the Hollywood Support Division Personnel. It is without reservation that Nedra was selected for the prestigious award for being Hollywood's "Civilian Employee of the Year."

Officer & Firefighter Needs Help

The second annual Police vs. Fire Paintball Wars will be held in honor of our comrades. The event will be to assist the recently injured LAPD police sergeant Art Holmes and a LAFD firefighter. Both are highly respected members of our Los Angeles families.

On March 13, 2000, from 0830 hours until dark we will be at the fields of fire located at Newhall and The Old Road. Here will be a day of fun and hope. The fun will be in the form of the good time everyone will have in joining in the Paintball games. For an entry fee of just \$60 each participant will be supplied with their equipment. Self equipped players are only \$20. Lunch is supplied for just another \$5 and any donations will be accepted. A drawing will be held and the top gift is a trip to Paris, France. Donated by Officer Daniel Armand and his wife, through AOM French Airlines. Tickets for this and other gifts are available at Hollywood Division for \$2 each. All profits from this charity will be donated to these men and their family being honored on this day. The money raised will provide the hope for the future of these fine men who have recently been faced with a major injury. For further info, see Officer Jeff Beck and Det. Floyd Toledo at Hollywood Detectives.

Only in Hollywood

Where else but in Hollywood can grown men and women spend all their time at work wearing a gun, then they get off duty and they pick up another gun and go and have great fun playing Paintball war games. Is this what they call living "a second childhood"?



by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings amigos.

As always, we at South Traffic Division wish everyone health and prosperity. We do our very best out in the field to handle every T/C call. That includes utilizing our motor officers who sometimes get the feeling they are really 2-wheel t-cars. Life goes on and if you get stuck on a felony DUI T/C, remember to call our station and obtain assistance from any of our friendly desk officers.

Sports

As of this writing, STD roundballers are still in the hunt for the elusive ring (as in championship title ring). Coach Mike (I sure wish I could gel my hair like Pat Riley did) Cummins has implemented his zen-like positive attitude and instilled it upon his players. They have played like, dare I say, the Lakers of Los Angeles. Stand by for the final results of the League in next month's article.

Baker to Vegas is a few months off but the war room for the 2000 STD straddlers is open and plans are in the

making to field a mug-winning team. Watch out because that runner coming up from behind to pass you may very well be a straddler!

Officer Down

On Tuesday, Feb. 1, Officer Ron Grijalba was in full uniform riding his 2-wheel motorcycle after just having completed his work shift. At approximately 2305 hours, Officer Grijalba was riding eastbound through the city of Long Beach. At the intersection of Ocean Blvd. and 36th Place, a vehicle traveling westbound on Ocean Blvd. turned left to southbound 36th Place and collided with Officer Grijalba's motorcycle causing Officer Grijalba to be ejected and collide with a parked vehicle. His motorcycle slid and collided with another parked vehicle. The vehicle involved left the scene of the T/C. As might be expected, the calvary from LAPD was called to the location for the officer down call. It must be noted that Long Beach P.D. responded and made available all available resources in order to apprehend this hit and run driver. Long Beach P.D. later that evening took into custody the driver of the involved vehicle. A huge high five goes out to our brother officers from the city of Long Beach for their diligent efforts.

Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement.

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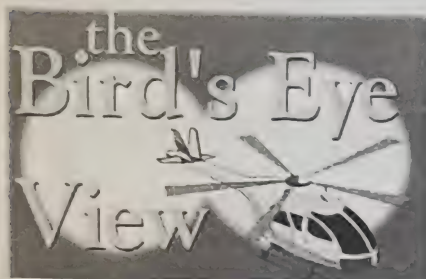


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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

We begin the new millennium and Air Support Division is taking a step closer to meeting one of its highest priorities. In the interest of officer/air crew safety we are working towards a standardized fleet of helicopters. We are now in the process of ordering the first wave of our new American Eurocopter AS350B2s. As technology advances and the equipment available is changing constantly, we have been thrust into a situation requiring constant experimentation. We currently fly in six different models of helicopters with at least that many configura-

tions for the equipment we use. It's been mentally exhausting for the pilots, tactical flight officers and mechanics, but the light at the end of the tunnel is blinding. We should receive our first new aircraft around April and before long the goal will be a reality. Thanks to everyone involved in the process from the C/O down.

We're still sweating to get up to a full complement of officers and last DP we pulled off a hat trick (3 goals in a game for you non-hockey types). Tactical Flight Officer candidates **Dave Hernandez**, **Butch Stowell**, and **Adam Schiffer** will all be back for the four-month probation to see if they have "the right stuff." Keep up the good work guys and you'll get some wings pinned on ya. This DP **Al Canche** and **Bob Price** are "checking out the left seat," (the part of the helicopter where all the work is actually performed) and we'll know soon how they fared. Good luck, guys.

Another long-term Air Support vision was just realized. We have now placed online the LAPD A.M.I.T. Command Vehicle. (Aircraft Mishap Investigation Team.) This well-

equipped platform can respond to set up and secure offsite L.Z.'s (landing zones), assist in handling unusual occurrences with the response of Air Support Division personnel to liaison with ground units and investigate Aircraft Mishaps/Disasters. The project was spearheaded by Pilot **Jack Brandt** and TFO **Matt Jarosac** under the guidance of former ASD Lt. **Bob Green**. The A.M.I.T. members will be **Charles Perriguy**, **Don Reuser**, **Jim Kilgore**, **Jack Brandt** and Sgt. **Ken Kessner**. Thanks to everyone who worked on this very important project.

ASD Tip of the Month

Let's talk about the radio. This is the topic I probably get more input on than any other. Since these ideas are all just reminders I'm going to just throw out some suggestions for your consideration. Of course like anything just look them over as reminders, and if the shoe fits...

-Listen before you B/C. Don't request Code 10, 7 or anything non-essential if there is a C-3 run in progress or any emergency on the frequency.

-If you have essential radio traffic and you can't get the air, step on everyone and ask for the frequency. Sometimes you have to be assertive to get something important out.

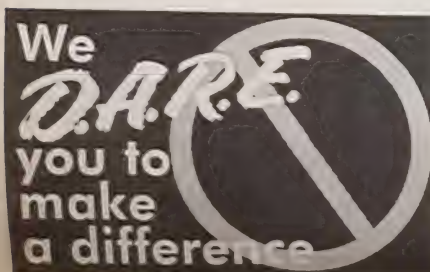
-Use your MDT whenever possible. Tow and further requests, E/R to back ups/followings. Our radio system was designed to handle a lot less than it does. Anything you can do helps.

-Put out crime information quickly. "Advise responding units there was a good robbery suspects last seen N/B in a Green Cadillac, stand by for supplemental." Then fine tune it put the rest out. Now we are all out looking rather than bothering you and we're using our resources effectively.

-Don't be in a rush to switch to a tactical frequency. Let the situation stabilize and get out necessary information and account for all officers first. In fact, one pursuit I was over got so hectic I told communications to switch divisional traffic to a tactical frequency we are staying on base. Never heard of that one before but it seemed like the thing to do at the time.

-Talk to the Air Unit. We understand you sometimes have your hands full but at least flash us a four if you don't need us. Sometimes we feel like the guy at the party wearing a leisure suit and a bad hairpiece. We're just kind of there and no one wants to talk to us.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.



by Karen Widman
DARE Division

In the Spotlight

After nearly 30 years of dedicated service, one of L.A.'s very finest has pulled the pin and discovered that there is indeed life after the LAPD. Officer **Kirk Buchanan**, #16332, was hired on Oct. 5, 1970, and after the academy was assigned to West L.A. Division. Kirk then went to Central Division where he worked a multitude of assignments including a footbeat, patrol, vice investigator and senior lead officer. Kirk came to DARE Division in 1987, shortly after its inception, and proceeded to make an immeasurable difference in the lives of the many, many people he touched. His positive attitude and ready smile have always made him a pleasure

of over 216,000 kids! There is no way to accurately gauge which students lives were changed or the amount of crime prevented by his influence in the classroom, but we do know that this world is a better place because of the dedication of people like Kirk Buchanan. Kirk, we wish you and your family all the best in your new endeavors, and sincerely thank you for being such an inspiration to us all!

"Cops With Class, Think About It"

Think back a few years, or longer for some of you, to the day that you were sitting in an interview room downtown, and your oral board asks you, "Why do you want to be a Los Angeles Police Officer?" I would be willing to bet that most of us gave the same but heartfelt answer, "I want to make a difference." Now ask yourself, are you making the positive impact on the people you come in contact with that you had hoped to back then? DARE Division is looking for a few good men and women to be a part of the LAPD's select few that make the "immeasurable difference" like Officer Kirk Buchanan. If you find the concept of "Preventative Law Enforcement" intriguing discover the

California DARE Officers Association Annual Conference

Planning is currently in full swing for the CDOA's annual conference, which will take place in the city of Long Beach on April 10-12th. CDOA's first vice-president, Officer Greg White, Sgt. Ed Palmer, Officer Lonnie Schiffer and many others have been working tirelessly to make this the best conference ever. We expect approximately 500 DARE officers from all over the state will converge on the city of Long Beach to work and play at becoming better DARE officers. The POST credit workshops are going to be very valuable, and the fun will include a 5K Fun-Run, a golf tournament, a car show (that Sgt. Palmer will be very disappointed if he doesn't win) and will be topped off with a Family Fun Night at the Queen Mary.

Re-peat, Re-peat, Re-peat!!

DARE Division is looking to be the Intra-Departmental basketball champions for the second year in a row. The play-off game was scheduled for February 9, in which our team played either Southwest Division or Metro. The results of this game were unavailable at press time, but the team had already won the title of League Champions. This year's championship team includes: **Dave Wright**, **Ed Palmer**, **Milt Hernandez**, **Tony Jackson**, **Jerome Divinity**, **Sterling Gordon**, **Deon Montgomery**, and **Ray Puetteman** (from S.B. CRASH). The team motto seems to be: "We may not have the best talent, but we have the best



Hey good looking... Officer Ruben Holguin's new recruiting look!

team." It's obvious that you guys work well together, congratulations on a job well done.

Ins and Outs

We are so sorry to see some of our very good friend's leave DARE Division, but we wish them all of the best in their new assignments. Officer **Linda Hundertmark** (formerly Cardenas) is going to Foothill as a detective trainee, Officer **Karena Rowan** is off in search of some stripes at Pacific and Officer **Mary Lindquist** (formerly Alexander) is heading off to Club Dev. Three lucky divisions are about to receive some very talented officers! We also want to welcome Officer **Jose Ceja** from TRD, Officer **Amy Standage** from NE, and Officer **Fernando Ochoa** from VNY.

Stay safe, and keep DARE(ing) to make a difference.



Cahuenga Street DARE Culmination—Officer Vince Taylor and Officer Dave Love in front of mural painted by parent volunteers.

to work with, but the true legacy that he leaves with us is in the lives of the children he has worked with. It can be easily estimated that during the 12 years Kirk was assigned to DARE Division, he inspired, taught and touched the lives

difference becoming a DARE instructor can make for you. If you have a minimum two years of field experience, you are strongly encouraged to call DARE Division at (213) 485-4856.

Officers Need Assistance!!

Officers from Mexicali P.D. (Baja California) are changing their uniforms to LAPD Blue. They are seeking the donation of any worn, out-grown, or no longer used LAPD uniforms. Contact D.A.R.E. Division for the nearest drop-off location

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Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Substation Demolition

The city has finally addressed the conditions of Pacific Area's Beach Substation. The Coastal Commission approved the demolition of the Venice Pavilion, which houses the Beach Detail's Office. The complex, built in 1959, was closed to the public in 1984. However, Pacific Area's Beach Officers, with no alternative substation site. Once cleared, the plans are to replace the pavilion with sand, a playground, a landscaped park, a public sculpture and a single story police substation and park maintenance office. This is all part of a \$15 million plan by the city of Los Angeles to spruce up Venice Beach due to it being such a popular tourist attraction. The plan is to have it completed before the Democratic National Convention, because the convention should attract thousands of people to the surrounding area. The Beach Detail Officers await with great anticipation the completion of the plan.

GTA Suspects Don't Make the Grade

On January 26, Officers **Richard Mendoza** and **Maurice Brunel** were on patrol in the Oakwood area. Aware that Oakwood is known for its narcotic activity, the officers became suspicious when they observed two vehicles parked side by side in an alley. The driver of one of the vehicles saw the officers, then sped off. Unable to control the vehicle, the suspect collided with a fence a short distance away. The suspect then fled on foot. Not only was he a bad driver, but he wasn't a very good runner either. After taking him into custody, the officers returned to the alley where they originally observed the suspects. They found the suspect of the second vehicle ducked down behind the wheel, attempting to "hot-wire" the ignition. He was quickly taken into custody as well. Both vehicles were unreported stolens from just blocks away, and both suspects turned out to be juveniles. The first subject

admitted that he had stolen the vehicle and advised, "I'm not a very good driver." The second only admitted to being scared, and not being able to get the car started. Both officers are commended for their observation skills and tactics.

Unserviceable Ambulance

On December 12, 1999, Officers **Eugene Damiano** and **Kevin McNamee**, working morning watch patrol, observed a fully marked Los Angeles Fire Department ambulance traveling westbound Washington Blvd. As the ambulance passed them, they observed extensive travel collision damage throughout the vehicle, and the front windshield completely shattered. Realizing that it would not be normal for an ambulance with this kind of damage to be traveling the streets, they decided to follow it and conduct a traffic stop. While following the ambulance, Communications Division broadcast that LAFD RA No. 5 had just been stolen from Daniel Freeman Marina Hospital, which was just blocks away. While still following the ambulance, the driver suddenly stopped, at which time the officers conducted a felony stop and took the man into custody. It was determined that the man, who was wearing only boxer shorts, did in fact steal the ambulance while the paramedics were loading supplies into a side compartment. As he was fleeing, he collided with several fixed barriers and obstacles in the hospital parking lot. Due to their diligent efforts, the officers successfully recovered a stolen LAFD ambulance as the culprit was fleeing the scene of the crime. Officers are commended for their observation techniques and teamwork!

"Top Dog"

On January 11, 2000, a Bomb Detection K-9 Trainer/Evaluator arrived from Lackland Air Force Base to give the newest team (K-9-76 Officer **Patty Fuller** and **Amber**) their 14-day training mission. The training mission is given to all the new K-9 teams, and consists of evaluating the team in seven areas of training: wide body searches, narrow body searches, vehicle searches, luggage searches, freight searches, terminal searches and open-air searches. The evaluator looks for false responses, as well as the willingness of the K-9 to work inside the aircraft. In addition, the handler is evaluated on their thoroughness of search patterns. The evaluator completed her training mission in ten days, stating the team was much further along than other teams at this stage of



Bomb detection K-9 handler Patty Fuller with "Amber."

development. Congratulations to Patty & Amber on your certification, and being one of the "Top Dogs!"

New Arrival

Congratulations goes out to Officer **Richard Gurrola** and his wife, Jennifer, who had a baby boy "Jeremy Dylan" on September 29, 1999, at 5:01 p.m. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 inches long. Best wishes for a happy, healthy future!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: New D-1 **Gonzales** in from Foothill, D-1 **Villa** over from WIL, Officer **Burris** in from TD, Officer **Rowan** in from DARE, Officer **Walker** over from VNYS, Officer **Wycoff** in from WVAL, Officer **Sydanmaa** over

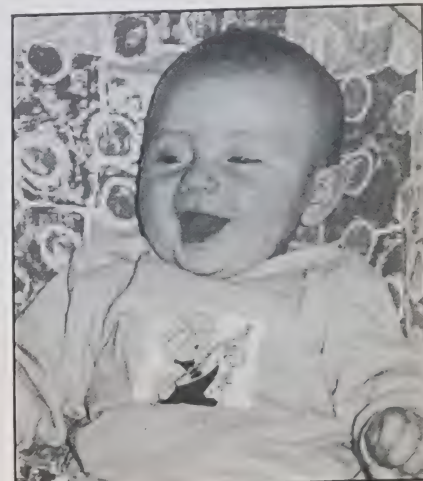
to LAX from HWD, and P-1s **Brown** and **Wright** in from TRNG

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who have recently left Pacific: D-1 **Jackson** who went to DHD, Officer **Sanfillippo** who made METRO (congrats!), Officer **Nemeroff** who is off to ND, Officer **Aldegarie** who headed to WB, Officer **Rodriguez** who went to CRS, Officer **Knight** who's off to NHWD, Officers **Bulicz** and **Manning** who went to SE, and Officer **Hernandez** who headed to SW.

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who recently promoted: D-2 **Ron Cade** who remains here at



Jeremy Dylan Gurrola, born 09-29-99.

Pacific, **Jim Lavenson** who made P-3 at TRNG, **Paul Williams** who made P-3 in VNYS (way to go, Paulie!) and Officer **Lium** who made P-3 in WB.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

I would like to start by bidding a much deserved, "get well" to one of Senior Officers here at Southeast, **Glen Marczinko**. Glen recently had some complications with his throwing arm and is expected to be fully operational soon. We hope for a speedy and good recovery and congratulations on the Training Coordinator position.

A certain U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Major reached a milestone here at Southeast. D-II **James Lovelace** recently celebrated his 32 years on the Department. Det. Lovelace plans on celebrating his milestone by volunteering his expertise in Bosnia.

Recently, Southeast officers were summoned to a tortilla factory on a "211 in progress" call. Officers **Marczinko**, **Hernandez**, **Wilson**, **Chacon**, Sgt. **Santos** and 77th Officers **Bixler** and **Dearmon** responded to the call. The officers arrived and discovered six victims turned vigilantes had hog tied and held one of two robbery suspects. The suspect being held was on a tortilla conveyor belt and was closed to being ground up with the rest of the tortilla mix. Officers arrived and the suspect was heard crying out to be arrested and rescued from the angry victims. Officers then discovered that the two would be robbers entered the location armed and demanded money. The victims were rounded up and the suspects attempted to shoot one of the victims. A weapon malfunction avoided that and the gun take away began. The six victims were unable to disarm and cause damage to the two stooges. One of the suspects managed to escape the grip of



Officer Shawn Havican resorting back to his old pre-police days.

the angry mob and the other was not so lucky. Anyway, after a short stay at a local hospital the suspect was booked and filed on for several counts of armed robbery. Officers **Marczinko** and **Hernandez** did an outstanding job in the preliminary investigation and Southeast Robbery Detectives did a great job of filing the case.

On a different note, I would like to congratulate Southeast officers on a recent complicated case involving a located body in a backyard. It started when Southeast Homicide Detectives received an anonymous call stating that older gentlemen had been buried in a backyard. The detectives were able to locate a missing report listing the alleged address which did identify an older gentleman as being reported missing from that address. Officer **Pedroza** and D-III **LaBarbera** conducted a follow-up to that address and interviewed the family and neighbors. During the interview incriminating statements and contradictory stories were being heard. A consent cursory search revealed that an area in the backyard appeared to have been recently disturbed. It appeared with the statements and the visual evidence; the anonymous caller was gaining credibility.

The detectives then sought the assistance of the LASO search and rescue K-9 who quickly hit on the same disturbed location in the backyard. D-I **Paglianlonga** and **Pedroza** secured a search warrant and the remains of an older gentleman were located. Officers **Stone** and **Havican** responded and assisted in securing the location. Officers **Owens**, **Allen** and **Hahn** systematically unearthed the human remains in order to preserve all evidence. Det. **Fathauer** and Officer **Lim** conducted a thorough search of the residence at which time the murder weapon was recovered. D-I **Smith** coordinated the interview of all family members and was assisted by Officer **Chao**. Good teamwork!

Promotions and Transfers

Welcome to the newest members of the Southeast team D-I **J. Simmons** (TRD), D-I **F. Estrada** (VB), P-II **W. Torres** (HARB), P-II **J. Ingals** (HWD), P-II **C. Bulicz** (HWD), P-II **D. Manning** (PAC), P-II **M. Flores** (PER), P-II **T. Colson** (SW), P-II **M. Nguyen** (WLA), and P-I **M. Barz** (TRNG).

A farewell to gone but not forgotten friends at Southeast Sgt. **S. Kajchir** (WIL), P-III **F. Bailey** (TRNG), P-III **J. Smith** (TRNG), P-II **M. Burdine** (HWD), P-II **D. Logan** (RAMP), P-II **A. Fletcher** (TD), P-II **S. Juarez** (WIL), P-II **A. Kaspian** (WIL), and P-II **D. Meinhardt** (WIL). Farewell and good luck to all of you.

Operation Santa 1999 Program

by Richard Moberg
Southeast Division

Southeast Police Officers **Mark Sauvao**, **Fred Starkey**, **Oscar Surles**, and **Richard Moberg** played Santa Clause this year. The officers loaded



over 4,800 toys into their marked black and white police vehicles and distributed toys throughout the Southeast community. The officers drove through the

up approximately 4,800 toys from various locations, separating the toys into different categories and ensuring that all the different toys were given to the proper Southeast personnel for distribution.

Senior Lead Officers **Phil Thompson**, **Fred Starkey**, **Joshua Chong**, **Jose Correa**, **Randy Goens**, **Al Labrada**, **Floro Pinzon**, and **Jerreta Sandoz**, **Tim Colomey**, **George Chavez** and **Armando Ramirez** passed out toys to families in their areas, and especially including the Southeast Area Housing Developments (Jordan Downs, Nickerson Garden, Avalon Gardens and Imperial Courts). Community Relations Officers passed out toys to the Southeast DAPS. Patrol Officers gave

toys to citizens who had kids at their radio calls. CRASH Officers **Belinda Townsend**, **Kelli Zavala**, **Norma Vargas**, and **Allen Shepherd** passed



community and gave toys to children walking down the street, waiting at bus stops, at children medical center, churches, and the various community centers. Southeast Area's goals were to help needy families who could not afford toys for their children and to

out toys to children they encountered while patrolling within the Southeast Area.

The Area Commanding Officer Capt. **Richard Bonneau** and the officers at the Southeast division wanted to bring joy and laughter to the community.



build better relations with the community. This worthwhile event lasted for four days from December 20 through December 23, 1999.

The Southeast Community Police Station received toys from numerous miscellaneous companies. Officers **Peter Ponich**, **Mark Sauvao**, **Oscar Surles**, **Richard Moberg** and **Josh Min** help with the logistics of the programs. The officers were in charge of picking

Operation Santa was a success due to these officers' hard work, long hours and dedication to the Southeast Community.

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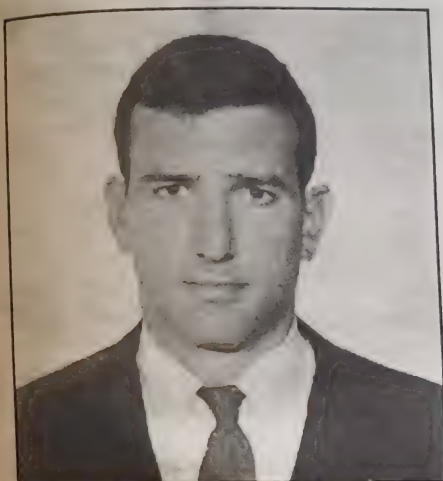
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by Sue Miller
Rampart Division

Rampart Legends

The two officers pictured below, Ofcr. Glover #17464 and Ofcr. Gomez #15189 have been in Rampart for an



R.M. Glover



E. Gomez

amazing combined time of 54 years. Recently both these officers have puled the pin and have gone on to better things. We wish both officers the best. These officers are part of what made Rampart great.

Congratulations!

On 1-3-00 Officer **R. Brown** and his wife became the proud parents of Jack Ryan Brown, a bouncing baby boy weighing in at 9 lbs. 12 oz. at 21 inches tall. Congratulations to both the parents and we can't wait for the cigar's.

On 10-12-99 Sgt. **Holder** and his wife became the proud parents of a brand new baby girl named Janellis Lizette, 7 lbs. And 20 1/2 inches. A little late but congratulations. We wish your family the best.

In's and Out's

Over the past several months Rampart has had a lot of movement. Welcome to Rampart! Officers **O. Duenas, J. Janecek, J. Trimino, D. Ulloa, J. Juarez, R. Barajas, J. Martinez, C. Escobar, S. Gonzalez, K. Chavez, S. Kim, J. Zaparka, T. Fleming, C. Perez, T. Marshall, P. Watson, D. Logan, P. Abskharon, A. Contreas, C. Diaz, S. Hernandez, R. Huerta, R.**

Ortega and to Sgt's **Wenninger, Guzman, Clifford and Jurado.**

See Ya!

Lt. **Karle**, Sgt. **Davalos**, Sgt. **O'Donnell**, Officers **R. Ramirez, J. Garcia, J. Stafford, M. Burrola, T. Wolfe, L. Marin, J. Flores, G. Hurtado, A. Kelliher, N. Humphreys, G. Arsenault, L. Santana, D. Roward, S. Schube, J. Jaime, G. Avila, S. Yoom, J. Pilao.** Hope you enjoyed the ride.

Congratulations

To the following officers on their promotions to detective. To **R. Vargas**—Yes, you finally made detective without getting a beef, now you can start talking to citizens again... Ha. Ha.

Congratulations to Detective **W. Sera**. All the hard work paid off. Congratulations to Detective **T. Murrel**, who leaves Rampart as a D-2 to become a D-3 with Wilshire's Autos. Congratulations to Detective **C. Silva**, who promoted from D-1 to D-2 and to **A. Lopez** who promoted to 3+1. Last but not least congratulations to Rampart's new detective trainees, Ofcr. **McCarthy** and Ofcr. **Ortiz**.

Hey! Look a Robbery in Progress

On 1-11-00 at approx. 2115 hrs. Ofcrs. **Bedard** and **Fraser** (aka Big Bird) were patrolling they're basic car area in response to fasttrak problem #1. While traveling e/b on 6th St. at Alvarado, a male suspect with a pair of scissors in his hand approaching an elderly 76 year old female sitting on a bus bench. The victim clenched her purse in fear. The suspect looked up and observed the officers and attempted to flee. Officers tactically deployed on the suspect. The suspect quickly sensing he had no chance of escape surrendered to the officers. Both officers are commended for their outstanding observation skills and tactics.

Get Well Soon!!

One of Rampart Area's best known and loved volunteers, **Peggy Gibson**, is at home, recovering from a stroke. Peggy has been a fixture at Rampart for years, as a Booster, a Crisis Team member, a RCPAB member, and a community volunteer. She has been an unfailing source of support for the LAPD and for Rampart Area officers in particular. Whether it's assisting patrol officers directly, raising funds, painting out graffiti, or just bragging shamelessly about "her" division, Peggy has always been there for us.

Always had been, that is, until she did not arrive as scheduled at the Protective League barbecue held at Rampart Station on December 16th. This was so unlike her that a welfare check was conducted... and not a moment too soon. Peggy was rushed to the hospital, where she would remain for several weeks. Of course all of us at Rampart are pulling for her. She is improving rapidly and hoping to visit the station soon. Plans are under-way for a fundraiser to assist Peggy and her family with expenses. It bears mentioning here that this would be a sadder story by far if not for the concern of Rampart personnel. **Mando, Espie** and the rest of you, thanks for caring enough to check... ❖

USD Uniformed Support Division

by D. Ryan Swanson
Uniform Services Division

During the afternoon of July 27, 1998, the Incident Command Post Unit's (ICPU) **Bill Young** and Rampart D-1 **Chuck Camarillo** were riding bikes around the Rose Bowl in Pasadena when Camarillo stopped for a red light at an intersection, suddenly fell over, unconscious. Young, a 30-year LAPD veteran who was Camarillo's training officer and is godfather to Camarillo's daughter, and a passerby administered CPR to Camarillo until paramedics arrived. A 22-year Department veteran, Camarillo had suffered a massive heart attack, but survived. (Camarillo has since retired and returned to school in pursuit of a Master's degree to teach. The two men still get together every weekend and ride bikes.) In recognition of Young's actions, Bernie Parks recently presented Young with a Lifesaving Medal. Young's wife of 25 years, Linda, is somewhat of a hero herself. She now works for the Department as a specialist reserve officer. Officer Young is putting her culinary skills to use as ICPU's new Mobile Canteen coordinator. And talk about a family affair: The Youngs' son, Douglas, has applied for the Department and is currently in backgrounds. The ICPU is gearing up for the city's annual Emergency Preparedness Fair, scheduled for April 14, 15, and 16, 2000, in the Los Angeles Zoo parking lot. The fair will feature food, demonstrations and displays featuring emergency information by all city departments, including the police department. Personnel from various Department entities including SWAT, Metro, and HazMat will man booths. On the last day of the fair, the musical group, "City Rock" featuring ICPU's Wayne Carson on bass guitar, will perform oldies. In February, Officer Gordon Smith of Traffic

Coordination Liaison Unit (TCLU) celebrated his 32nd anniversary with the Department, nearly half of his career spent right here at USD. Smith is the Department's institutional memory and can answer any questions regarding traffic tickets, DUI arrests or court operations. Want to talk about longevity? Take a look at Sgt. II **Bob Rieboldt**, P-3 **Steve Cooper** and P-3 **John Nisbet**, who are all celebrating 10 years at Traffic Support Unit. Congratulations to all! USD was sad to see our adjutant, MAI **Grace Bui**, leave, but happy that she was promoted to MA II at the Department of Water and Power and now working close to home. Grace will be missed. In her stead is P-3 **Sean Karmody** who has been loaned into the adjutant position from his Research Writer position. USD welcomes P-3 **Ralph Kemptner** from VTD. Ralph will be assigned to Special Collision Investigation Detail (SCID). His 27 years on the Department and Traffic Reconstruction ability will be an asset to TCS. USD's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) was called upon to coordinate a traffic and parking plan for the funeral of Margaret Ferraro, wife of Council President John Ferraro, who passed away in late January. If you are not familiar with SEU, this is a specialized unit of motor officers responsible for conducting all LAPD motorcades in the city of Los Angeles. They are frequently called upon by Employee Assistance Unit (EAU) to develop and implement traffic plans for high-profile events. (SEU is also responsible for enforcement of commercially regulated vehicles such as semi-tractor and trailer rigs and other heavy equipment). Services for Mrs. Ferraro were conducted in Wilshire Division, and due to a large anticipated number of state, local and national governmental officials, it was imperative to implement a clearly defined and orderly traffic plan. The plan included expediting movement of approximately 1,000 people in 300 cars, into the heavily populated residential neighborhood around the church. Sgts. **Doug Myers** and **Don Harris** and other SEU motor officers also conducted the subsequent motorcade to the private internment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles. ❖

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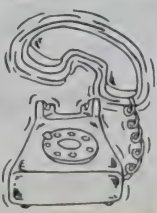
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

On Monday, January 31st, Northeast Division hosted a 50th birthday barbecue in the station parking lot for Sgt. Bill Clements, a 25-year department veteran.



The Bill Clements family.

Sgt. Clements' wife Liz, daughter Tamara, son Chad, daughter-in-law Samantha, and granddaughter Kaitlyn, were in attendance along with personnel from both Northeast and Newton Division (Sgt. Clements' old stomping grounds). There was plenty of good grub for everyone to enjoy. Lt. Rick Angelos, Sgt. Joe Oliveri, and Officers Rich Davis, Rich Mercado, Kevin Heady, Terri Anderson, and Amy Standage did an outstanding job of coordinating this memorable event. A special thanks to the officers and detectives of nearby Newton Division for dropping by to say hi to an old friend.

Best of the Best

Congratulations to the following Northeast personnel on their recent selec-

tions as the cream of the crop for the year 1999: Sergeant of the Year - Zimmie Williams, Detective of the Year - Bob Lopez, Officer of the Year - Joe Writer, Civilian of the Year - Patti Shaw, and Bill Thompson for Volunteer of the Year.

My Apologies

It was recently brought to my attention that when I wished all LAPD personnel happy new year I neglected to include our very valuable reserve officers. So to all LAPD Reserve Officers everywhere, happy 2000!

Adios

A big thank you to the following personnel on their contributions to Northeast

Division, and best of luck on your new assignments: Sgt. Cobos (NHWD), Det. Sanchez (FTHL), Officer Cabrera (SW), Officer Cohan (WLA), and Clerk Typist Sanchez (ASD).

Bienvenidos

Four officers were on the last transfer (out) and are listed above. Only one officer was transferred in on the same transfer to take their place, so he must be good. Welcome to recruit Officer Abrams from Training Division.

Sick/IOD Personnel

Here's wishing all Northeast sick and IOD personnel a speedy recovery. We're all thinking of you.

Birth Announcements

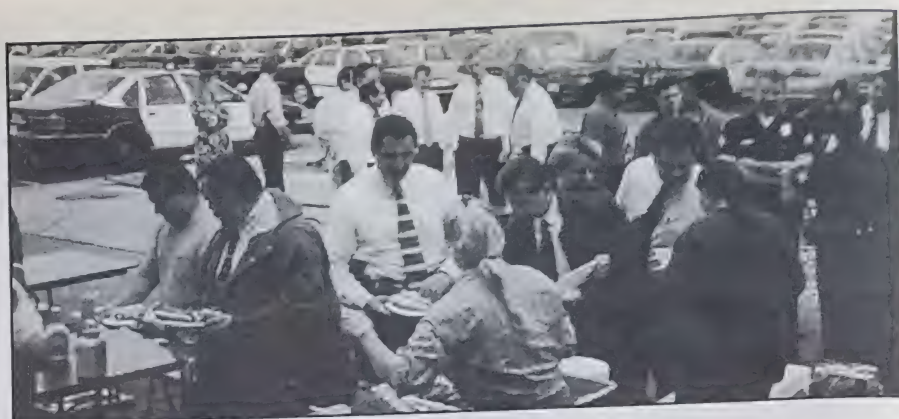
Lt. Mark Johnson and his wife, Barbara, had a very healthy baby girl on January 8, 2000, weighing in at 9 pounds, 9 ounces and 21 inches long. Baby Hannah and mom are doing fine.

Officer Candice Daymen also gave birth to a healthy baby girl on January 13, 2000. Baby Julie Ann Marie weighed in at 5 pounds, 11 ounces.

Officer of the Month

Officer Frank Epstein, #23764, a 17-year veteran, was chosen for Officer of the Month for December, 1999, Officer Epstein truly cares for the welfare of the community and he has a genuine concern for the public. He has received numerous commendations from citizens and supervisors for superb duty performance. Officer Epstein is a credit to the Department and the profession of law enforcement.

Officer Fortunato "Tito" Mariscal, #27227, was selected for Officer of the Month for January 2000. Tito has received numerous commendations from citizens and supervisors for his outstanding performance, often times under highly stressful circumstances. His easygoing personality coupled with his strong desire to work hard has made him a sought after partner. He is well deserving of the Officer of the Month award.



Newton and Northeast personnel enjoying the barbecue.

Powerlifting Team

Sgt. Zimmie Williams is looking for a few good powerlifters for the upcoming bench press contest at the academy gym. If you aren't a team member you can still sign up. The sarge is looking for all age and weight classes for both male and female officers. The bench press contest is scheduled for June 9th.

Baker to Vegas

The 2000 version of the Northeast Division Baker to Vegas running



Newton Detectives & Northeast's very own, R.D. Gonzalez and John Munguia.

team has been hard at work for a number of months. They held a team run-off on February 12th at Griffith Park. These results will appear in next month's issue.

Northeast Jackets

Northeast bomber style jackets are presently being sold for \$40 to all Northeast personnel, active and

retired. See Sgt. Art Sandoval or Salli Jo Doud to place your orders.

Final Word

That about wraps up the March article. I will leave you with the following joke.

Four friends met at the local golf course early one morning. They all pitched in \$125 so that the low score would win a \$500 pot. On the 18th green Mark had a gimme ten foot putt to win. Mark stood there lining up his \$500 putt when he observed a funeral procession out of the corner of his eye. Mark dropped his putter,

took off his hat, and placed it over his heart. Mark stood motionless until the funeral procession drove by. Mark's friend Tom was totally amazed. Tom told Mark how impressed he was that Mark interrupted a chance to win \$500 to pay his respects. "I have great respect for you Mark. That showed class," said Tom. Mark (putting his hat back on) stated to Tom, "Well we were married for 25 years."

C-ya next month.

North Hollywood news

by John Marsden
North Hollywood Division

12th Annual East Valley PALS Golf Tournament

A reminder to all you golfers out there... our annual East Valley PALS Golf Tourney is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2000, at Braemar Country Golf Club in Tarzana.

The format is "Best Ball" so if you bring a ringer you don't have to be very good. It's a fun day loaded with food, drink, and door prizes. The "Miller Girls" will be serving you your favorite beverage.

A great day of golf is capped with a prime rib dinner and great door prizes being raffled. Robertson Honda is again sponsoring a hole-in-one contest. Two years ago they lost a Honda Accord to a hole-in-one.

Entry fees are \$600 per foursome (or \$150 per golfer). Contact Officer Billy Row at North Hollywood CRO at (818) 623-4001 for further info!

East Valley Police Activity League Supporters & Los Angeles Police Department North Hollywood Area

12th Annual Golf Tournament

Braemar Country Club - 4001 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana
(East and West Courses)

Monday, March 27, 2000

Registration: 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Shotgun Tee: 11:00 a.m.

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What About Wilshire?

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Well, here we are again, and it really is good to be here! January was kind of a crazy month. Or to put it another way, mental month. On two separate occasions, Wilshire officers were put to the test and came out with flying colors. In the first scenario, Officers **D. Gersna** and **H. Conrad** (AM Watch) responded to a radio call of a "459 suspect there now." On arrival, they encountered what can only be described as the ultimate 5150. He was the resident of the apartment, and he was one unhappy camper. One thing led to another, and Mr. Unstable decided to hold the division at bay. Long story short, SWAT had to be deployed. The team members exercised considerable restraint, and eventually the "disturbed one" was taken into custody. He was transported by the fire department to the 13th floor, all the while blaming Satan for his plight. Poor Devil. I don't think he wanted the credit for this one.

In a similar vein, Sgt. **H. Fajardo** (Mid Days) used his considerable communication skills to establish rapport with an extremely 415 female who just happened to be an ADW suspect and a parolee. When she found out her parole was going to be revoked (something about chasing her roommate around with a meat cleaver), she became very violent, ramming her head repeatedly on the inside window of the patrol vehicle. When her forehead finally opened up, she began bleeding profusely, screaming obscenities, spitting blood all over, and generally acting upset. Sgt. Fajardo was

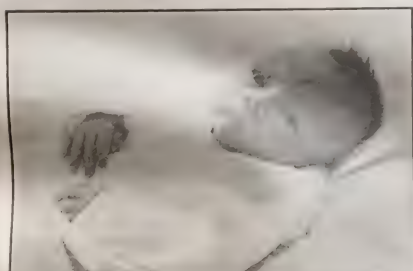
able to "talk her down" in the back of the R/A on the way to the 13th floor. He stayed with her and kept her calm as the med staff did what they do best. Good job, Sarge! You may now add to your list of accomplishments the task of being a counselor to a "head banger."

On a more sedate note, sworn and civilian members of LAPD attended a basketball game on 1/4/00 at the Staples Center where the L.A. Lakers played the



Officer S. Cromer, Officer P. Cromer their daughter "Elvis"

L.A. Clippers. After the main attraction, the LAPD basketball team played an exhibition game against the LAFD (guns and hoses?). Anyway, Sgt. **A. Kirby** (Mid Days) did a great job of organizing the event and selling tickets



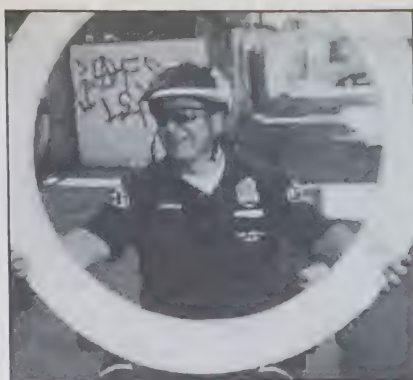
Adam Dowling Goossen, born 12/20/99, 10:07am, 7lbs, 3oz.

to the game. Proceeds from each ticket sale benefitted the Wilshire Area station fund and the LAPD basketball team.

Speaking of which, the Wilshire Area basketball team is making a strong

were successful in the apprehension of an armed 211 suspect on December 22, 1999, from the Staples Superstore located at 1801 Figueroa. both Sheriff Baca and Officer Rogers were unhurt in the incident.

Rogers confronted the suspect who pointed a chromed (?) .25 cal semi-auto. Rogers fired one round from his Dept. issued shotgun and caused the suspect to run in a N/B direction to the Santa Monica Frwy. where Sheriff Baca took the suspect into custody. The suspect's weapon was recovered.



Bike officer F. Campos in "Wilshire Crime Busters"

effort to capture the "C" league tournament title. The team has four wins over the likes of: Metro, IAD, Harbor, and Hollywood. The team is coached by Sgt. Kirby, with the following roster: **W. Rayford** (AM), **P. Jones**, **A. Caldwell**, **S. Roditis**, and **B. O'Bryant** (Mid Days), **C. Thomas** (PM), **O. Osborne** (Mid PMs), **E. Hayes** and **D. Martin** (Dets), **A. Gutierrez** and **D. Edwards** (Wilshire CRASH), and recently transferred Officer **J. Zapatka** (Rampart Div.).

As a follow-up to last month's column, this photo captures the "moment after" with Officer **S. Cromer**, her husband **P. Cromer**, their daughter and **Elvis** (who, by the way, is alive and well and performing weddings in Las Vegas).

Not to be outdone, this bundle of joy belongs to Det. **II J. Goossen** and his wife, **Amy**. Little **Adam Dowling Goossen** joined the family on 12/20/99 at 10:07 AM. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. The little gosling is doing fine, and papa is one proud gander! (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

To add to the "Look what the stork brought" club, congratulations are in order for **Willie "Lunchmeat" Phillips**. In addition to keeping Wilshire Station clean, he found time to father (proudly, I might add) a daughter by the name of **Blair Whitney Phillips**. She was born on 1/31/00 and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces with a length of 18-1/2 inches.

Mother and "baby lunchmeat" are doing fine

And, as if the Wilshire bike team wasn't noticed enough, Officer **F. Campos** was caught posing as a Wilshire "crime buster."

Last but not least, recognition is due to Officer **J. Chavez** for being selected the Wilshire "Officer of the Quarter." He is a 9-1/2 year veteran of LAPD, and for the last for years he has been an important member of the Wilshire Operations Support Division (Homicide section) specializing in gang homicides. He has proven himself to be an outstanding investigator and has exhibited his knowledge by testifying as an expert in municipal, juvenile, and state superior courts. Due to his contributions, the homicide team has achieved a 104(!) percent homicide clearing rate, and a 100 percent filing rate. Congratulations, Officer Chavez!

I have been remiss by not acknowledging the recent transfers in and out of the division. Mea culpa. However, to those of you who have arrived in the last four DPs, welcome. And to Det. **I C. Burns**: Foothill Division's loss is our gain. It's really good to have you here!

Well, I am going to bring this to a merciful end. The only other item I want to mention is this: Things may well get worse in the department before they get better. The following quote sort of says it all: "Now is the time for all good officers to come to the aid of their fellow officers." (With apologies for the slight revision to whomever uttered the original quote.) Anyway, this is when we need to back each other up, tactically and emotionally. If we don't, no one else will—plain and simple. Let's be there for each other, and let's bring back the pride, one day at a time. We are the best! See everyone next month!



by Bill Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

CTD Officer **Eric Rogers** #30637 with Sheriff **Leroy Baca**, after the two

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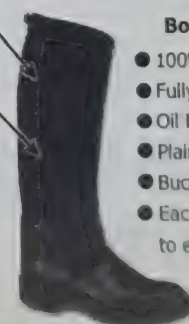
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West L.A. Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

Sgt. Doug Abney headed up the 5th annual West L.A. Christmas charity drive as he and fellow pilots delivered toys, school supplies, books and sport-



(L-R): Volunteer donor Jeanine Smith, Keith Washington, Doug Abney, Mike Pauley, Alejandro Arredondo and Don "Monty" Montelibano.

ing equipment to the orphanage at Mexicali in Baja, California. This event occurred on Saturday, December 18, 1999, when the planes departed from the Van Nuys Airport at 0930 for the 1-1/2 hour trip. The gifts were presented

it for his return in about a year from now.) Good luck, Sarge, you will be missed.

Moving on from West L.A. we have the following: O'Neill will be a P-3 Metro Man, Burdick and Twine will be going to CED, Flannery will be joining DHD, while Rubin and Woodley will be heading to the Harbor. In other moves, Nguyen will be going to Southeast while Stallworth and Strong will be joining the ranks at South Traffic. Officer Monteiro will be en route to Southwest and Roberts to West Valley. Incoming shows P2s S. Gonzalez, Marrache, B. McDonald,

Cohan, Ancheta, Sutton, Watkins, and Poland. Only one Academy recruit will be joining the front row in roll call—M. Mazur. You will all by now have found the red carpet rolled out for you in front of the station.



...loading one of Santa's "sleighs."

to over 400 children by Santa Doug and his elves, who were last seen heading back towards the North Pole.

Senior Lead Officer Sergio Guzman received a recent promotion to sergeant



WLA Officer Michael Pauley.

and departed West L.A. for Rampart. He was here so long that he had a chair with his name on it! (We'll go ahead and save

What a terrible way for the victim to spend New Year's Eve. A Reseda man broke into her home in Beverly Glen and sexually assaulted her before he was wounded and captured by the police. The officers initially responded to investigate an alarm call and discovered a whole lot more. Officers Larry Glorioso and Antonio Delatorre heard running footsteps and looked up in time to see the victim running out of the house. The victim was yelling that the suspect was going to kill her. The suspect, wearing a Halloween mask, was chasing the victim with a handgun. Officer Glorioso exchanged fire with the suspect and wounded him. The man was captured approximately 20 minutes later hiding in the bushes to the rear of the location. He was charged with the attempted murder of a police officer as well as sexual assault. He will be off the streets. Hopefully for a long, long time.

West L.A. is proud to bring you Officer Mike Pauley who did his pro-



TRANSIT BUS

by Officer Lupita Alaniz
Transit Bus Division

Hello again. Can you believe another month has flown by? Ski season has arrived in some parts of the world. On our side of the world we have created our own in order to appease all of the snow enthusiasts, like myself. Although, like you, I have yet to take a trip up to the mountains this year. Only in California can you wake up at 7:00 a.m., peek outside and see the sun shining bright, put on a pair of shorts and a tank top, and grab a cup of jo at a local coffee shop in the middle of February. I am so ready for some cold weather!

The Baker to Vegas race is coming up real soon. No, Mike, I'm not running. But for those of you who have dedicated yourselves to this race, I wish you luck. I won't miss the party though, so I'll see you in Vegas. You can find me at the \$1 Black Jack table.

Hero of the Month

Yes, that's right, we have a true hero amongst us. Officer **Evan Guaverra** (Guav) was watching television during the evening hours in his apartment. Guav heard a loud smash from outside his apartment, and without a thought ran outside, boxers and all, to see what had happened. Guav noticed a LAPD motorcycle embedded into the side of his vehicle. Guav saw a vehicle driving at a rapid speed away from the accident. He then saw an officer crawling to safety. Guav quickly responded to the injured officer for assistance. The officer informed him that the vehicle had hit him. Guav, thinking quickly, grabbed the rover from the officer's Sam Brown and alerted others that an officer was down from a hit and run and continued to provide the description of the vehicle involved. This obviously is a call that subjects us to our own mortality, and before you knew it there were dozens of officers who arrived with concern and to lend support. Due to Guav's calm and decisive thinking, the suspect was caught and arrested for Felony DUI hit and run. The officer sustained fractured ribs and minor abrasions. We all hope he's doing fine. Good job, Guav!

bation here and returned for more after a brief jaunt through the Southeast projects. West L.A. has never been the same! He has a great sense of humor and camaraderie with his peers. Perhaps during day watch roll call he would be known as the class clown. And that is meant as a compliment. He is also able to empathize with the citizens as attested to by the enclosed letter to the editor in the Los Angeles Times. You can be sure if anything happens at West L.A. that Pauley will be there.

Officer **Peter Repovich** said that in the year 2000 "there will be a change in the electrical impulses due to increased gamma ray activity. Translation, larger paychecks are in the mail."

Baker-to-Vegas is right around the corner, with Sgt. 2 **Terry Brinkmeyer** as Team Captain. More to follow. Put on your running shoes and join in.

I believe that I have run out of room. The rest of the news will have to wait. Bye for now.

Congratulations!!!

We have another addition to our Transit Bus Division family. My partner, **Dwight Nolan**, and his saint of a girlfriend, **Asha Wilson**, have been blessed with a beautiful baby girl. **Miss Cheyenne Leilani Nolan** arrived to this world on Jan. 11, 2000, weighing in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and 19 inches long. A once unsure man has expressed the hopes of 12 more. Could you imagine 13 Nolan juniors? Hang in there Asha!

Happy Birthday!!

Lots of you celebrating your birthdays in February, so I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I have, I apologize in advance. Sgt. **T. Churchill**, Sgt. **I. Minsal**, Officers **A. Altamirano**, **L. Avila**, **O. Bazulto**, **G. Calleros**, **T. Chaney**, **G. Debes**, **J. Ferrell**, **D. Jones**, **J. Khouz**, **E. Kim**, **J. Meilleur**, **T. Mclaughlin**, **E. Olivares**, **D. Rubiano**, and **R. Schumacher**. I hope you all had a wonderful day.

Tied the Knot

Congratulations Officer **Chun** (C.K.) **Kim** on your marriage. We heard you had a beautiful wedding and we'd like to wish you and your new wife all the happiness in your newly adjoined lives. "Know the true value of time-take, seize and enjoy every moment of it."

Exiting Bus Division

Good luck to Officers **M. Buckhannon** leaving to 77th Division (long time waiting), **K. LeFever** going to Central Division, and **M. Munson** off to NHWD: "Every exit is an entry somewhere else."



Suspect or Undercover???

LAPD Help

With all the criticism of the LAPD lately, it seems only fair that more credit should be given to the good they do every day, including putting their lives on the line for us.

My car suddenly stalled in the middle of heavy traffic and as I sat there horrified, wondering when I was going to be hit by a fast driver, how reassuring to have them there barely a few minutes after my frantic call to 911. One officer eventually asked me to sit in the back of their air-conditioned car while waiting for the Auto Club. My first experience sitting in the back of a police car! Thank you again, Officer **Micheal Pauley** and your partner for the West L.A. Division.

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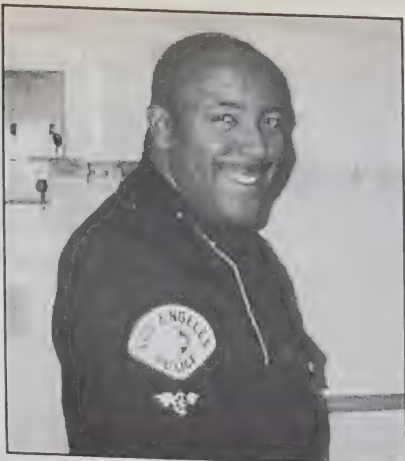
Winning With West Traffic

by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

Did you give your loving watch commander a Valentine's card? If you did you were smart. Now you'll be granted all the T/Os you request.

It's now been a year since we moved into our new facility, and everything is still going well at West Traffic.

Thanks to our Booster Club, Texas AM's nationally renowned traffic collision reconstruction unit conducted four training days here at WTD. Topics included auto versus pedestrian traffic collisions and vehicle dynamics. Furthermore,



Did John Hankins give his wife W/C a Valentine's Card?

WTD offered it to the other traffic divisions!

Officer **Dan Villegas** and his wife, Maggie, were visited by Mr. Stork. Little Collin Murphy Villegas was born on January 3, 2000. Baby Collin weighed a booming 9 pounds, 9 ounces! Collin is Dan's first child. Like Dan, Baby Collin was late for roll call, two weeks late!



Collin Murphy Villegas, born 1/5/2000, 9.9lbs., 22 1/2in. Baby Collin, Maggie & Dan Villegas.

We'd like to welcome Officer **Kingi**, who returns to us from DARE, Officer **Myles** from our sister station, Wilshire, and Officer **Bowens** from Transit Rail.

We sadly say so long to Officer **Steve Hennigan** who is now in the Bomb Squad. Remember Steve, you need a steady hand, and avoid sneezing. We say adios to Officer **Blanca**

Avilla who transferred to North Hollywood Division, to **Serta Caire** who traveled to Training division, to **"TJ" Tarjamo** who went to Southeast, and finally to **Michael**



Sergeant John Hone busy doing research!

Jackson who transferred to South Traffic. Have fun you guys and gals!

Remember St. Patrick's Day! Even officers like **Torres, Villegas** and **Okamoto** are Irish that day!



by Officer Robert Peters
Transit Rail Division

Okay, big freakin' deal . . . Y2K . . . I don't know about the rest of you but personally I was more than a little disappointed with the whole shebang.

Where was the major computer crash? The blackouts? Where were the mobs? The looting? I mean it hardly even felt like the holiday season, let alone a New Year's celebration!

Other than having to turn away half of Transit Rail Division's officers from the door of my well-stocked, camouflaged and defended mountain survivalist cabin (within easy commuting distance to the city, indoor plumbing and a hot tub, of course), I saw no evidence of worry or stress about the Y2K. And that, partners, is the last time that this divisional reporter will ever mention the "Y-2-K." (Can I get an "amen"?)

Baker to Vegas, "Y2K"

Okay, I lied. Sue me.

The next Baker to Vegas (number MCMXVII or something like that) is coming, and if you are anything like me, you are woefully out of shape and unprepared for it. Be of good hope, however, because you still have four months (well, three and change) to get ready.

Officer **Mike Hall** and Officer **Nate Kouri**, co-captains for the TRD B2V Y2K team (say that three times fast) are steadily making preparations for our glorious victory over the forces of darkness and the LASO Transit Services Bureau. We have recruited many fabulous runners (not including me) and several trained snipers (also not including me) to ensure our chances of finishing in first place.

Remember, the party is at the Rio Hotel and Casino on Sunday night, and I have Mike Hall's Visa number, so drinks are on MIKEY!

Just kidding, Mike.

B2V run-offs will begin soon(er than most of us would like) and some serious competition is already brewing between

teammates. Fastest runners will get their pick of the leg they want to run, the only exception being Sgt. **Bruce "Marathon Man" Vermaat** to whom we will assign the new 8+ mile leg. Sorry, Sarge, but you're the sacrificial lamb . . . not to mention the only Transit Group runner with a fighting chance of finishing that leg without ending up in the morgue.

Personally, I am hoping to anchor the race and run leg 20 into Vegas. Mainly because that leg is short and flat. Hey, at least I'm honest.

At any rate, fellow exhaust-eaters and tunnel rats, be running . . . we need your fastest times.

Flogging

. . . and speaking of losing L.A. sports franchises, the newly formed TRD golf team made its first "official" appearance last week at the LAPRAAC Golf Assoc. tourney held at Griffith Park.

I was allowed (once again) to play with **John "Century" Downey**, **Tony "Box-Boy" Ochoa**, **Mike "Where-the-hell-is-my-Visa-card?" Hall**, and **Orenthal James "O.J." Simpson**.

Seriously, the "Juice" was hitting golf balls next to us during the morning round. We were all so surprised that I didn't even get to ask him to autograph my Spyderco . . . shucks.

All kidding aside though, the TRD golf team has arrived and will be playing in a few of the tournaments outside of California (with any luck) before the end of the year.

By the way, Mike, how do you like my new golf clubs? No . . . I have no idea where your Visa card is . . . really.

New Gunfighters

Recently TRD hosted the first .45 transition school of the new year. Officer **Sam Shepard** (now of OSB) and I were lucky enough to instruct 21 new gunfighters in the safe use and care of their department issued (you wish) forty-five caliber semi-auto pistol. We were happy to graduate nearly all of the officers/detectives who showed up for the class. We even had to caution a couple of officers not to embarrass the instructors by shooting better than we did.

On the same note, congratulations to **Ed Pigao**, who will be attending Handgun Instructor Training School (HITS) in March. Ed will become the newest HITS instructor in the division and will likely take over most of the training needs here, due to his tack-driving marksmanship and great interper-

sonal skills; also due to the fact that there is only one other HITS instructor in the division and he is swamped with training needs already.

Good luck, Ed . . . you're gonna need it. (And say hi to Larry for me.)

Train-ing

Get it? Train-ing? You know . . . we work on trains? Okay, forget it. If I have to explain it, it won't be funny. (It's hard coming up with this kind of serious fluff every month.)

Transit Group recently received some dearly desired training on emergency response teams when dealing with active shooters and immediate threats to lives on buses.

Thanks to the **Transit Group Training Cadre** (you'll know them due to their incredibly sharp-looking black shirts), for their tireless work in arranging what turned out to be an outstanding training day for all of us.

For some (okay, me) who had never before dealt with tactical situations on buses, the training seemed very fast-paced and somewhat stressful, which is exactly what the training cadre had in mind.

Officers such as **Ed Pigao** and **Mike Hall** alternated playing the role of an armed suspect on a bus that was actively shooting and endangering the lives of innocent civilians. Officers were expected to form a tactical plan, think safety, and then rush headlong into the sights of an armed suspect who would begin shooting at officers the moment that they entered.

Some of the TRD officers such as **John "Ringo" Downey**, **Tony "Pancho Villa" Ochoa**, and **Jessie "Wild Wild" West** showed impressive calm and poise as they entered, acquired and neutralized the threat by placing each round of "simunition" on target while taking fire from the suspect.

In fact, Officer West received two "fatal" and extremely painful wounds during his encounter and still managed to render the threat safe prior to complaining about how much it hurt. The Wild Wild West and his faithful side-kicks **"Hollywood" Tom Bangasser** and **"Horse-Droppings" Pete** even managed to alternate their fire and reload under pressure. Pretty impressive, don't you think?

I thought so too, as I hid under the driver's seat watching the entire exchange and chanting: "There's no

place like home, there's no place like home . . ."

It was a fun day, and I think everyone learned something out of it. I learned if you can't stand the gun smoke, then stay off the buses.

Congratulations to the Bride

Recently a rumble was heard throughout the city of Los Angeles. A rumble reminiscent of a small earthquake, or my stomach in the mornings before breakfast. But it was neither of these.

The rumble was that of millions of hearts breaking simultaneously as **Stacey Ewing** officially removed herself from the "market" and married **James Roberts**. Everyone here at TRD wishes Stacey and Jim a long and happy life together.

Stacey informed me that she wishes to thank everyone. Not only the people who attended the great event, but also those who might feel guided to send expensive gifts to her here at TRD. Stacey assures me that Department mail will easily handle most parcels up to the size of a big screen television and will deliver overnight large envelopes stuffed with cash.

Good luck to both of you in your new life, and I'll be sure to forward all of those gifts to you just as soon as I'm through with them. As soon as I'm through SORTING them I mean . . . sorry, slip o' the tongue there.

That's a Wrap

Sgt. **John Girard** is leaving TRD for greener pastures. John accepted a Sgt.-II spot at Harbor Vice this past DP, and we wish him all the luck in the world. I am assured by several people who know him well that he is an old hand at vice activities already and so will need little luck in figuring them out. (That was a joke, y'all.)

Speaking of "wraps," that about does it for this month's report from TRD. Be safe, practice your shooting, and for God's sake don't touch the third rail!

(Congratulations, those of you who read this last bit are now properly trained and "rail certified.")

Until next month . . . I know you can hardly wait.

SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow

Is it just me or does time seem to be moving faster in the new millennium? Here it is March already and Spring is just a few weeks away. We had hoped to have coverage of the Captain Al Nelson Tournament for the LAPD basketball championship in this issue. However, tourney scheduling did not jive with our press deadline. We'll definitely have details in our April issue.

Intra-Department Softball Begins Next Month

The first team captains' meeting of the season was held on Thursday, February 24, and this year promises to be even more successful than the last. An evaluation tournament is being contemplated for mid-month and league play is projected to start the first week of April.

If your bureau or station did not attend the meeting, but is still interested in fielding a team, time is ticking away. Contact Athletic Secretary Jeanne Schwab immediately at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218, for information on late registration and schedule information.

Memorial Run and Relay Returns to Dockweiler

Arrangements have been made for the 22nd Annual Memorial Run to return to Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey. While final details are still being nailed down, plans include food, games, clowns, face painting, a climbing rock, department-related displays, and lots of interesting things to do. If you haven't already done so, mark Saturday, May 13, on your calendars to hold the day open for what again will be a fun family event. For more information, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Discount Kings, Dodgers Tickets Available

A limited supply of discount tickets for the Kings and Dodgers is available through the LAPRAAC Administrative Office. Tickets must be purchased 10

days prior to game date and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Kings tickets are in the main concourse behind the goal and cost \$31 for all games listed except April 7 (\$36). Regular price is \$40.50. Face-off is 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Available games are: Sat. 3/11, Calgary Flames; Mon. 3/13, Vancouver Canucks; Fri. 3/17 (5:30 p.m.), St. Louis Blues; Sun. 3/19 (5:00 p.m.), Nashville Predators; Tues. 3/21, Anaheim Mighty Ducks; Wed. 3/29 (7:00 p.m.), San Jose Sharks; and Fri. 4/7, Dallas Stars.

Dodgers tickets are in the inner reserved level (except opening day) and cost \$15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Tickets are available for 48 games, over half the home schedule. Early season games include: Opening Day Fri. 4/14 (1:10 p.m.), and Sat. 4/15 (5:10 p.m.), Cincinnati Reds; Fri. 4/28, Sat. 4/29 (5:10 p.m.), and Sun. 4/30 (1:10 p.m.), Florida Marlins; Fri. 5/5, Sat. 5/6, and Sun. 5/7 (1:10 p.m.), Houston Astros; Tues. 5/23, Cincinnati Reds; Fri. 5/26 and

Sat. 5/27, Philadelphia Phillies; and Mon. 5/29 (1:10 p.m.), Tues. 5/30 and Wed. 5/31, New York Mets.

For more information or to obtain the full Dodgers schedule, contact the LAPRAAC Administrative Office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

We Want Your Articles for "Sports Beat"

Let us help you publicize your sport, boost morale, and give those participating the recognition they deserve by submitting an article to us for publication in "Sports Beat." It's easy—fax your articles to (818) 957-4275 or e-mail them to lew-snow@aol.com. Even if you just send notes we can transform that material into an article that will get the information across. Articles received by the fifth of the month will be included in the next issue of *The Thin Blue Line*. Photographs are welcome, too. Indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you.

Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Just Six Weeks Away

Over two hundred teams have signed-up to participate in this year's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which will take place the weekend of April 15-16. Metro Division's Red Team is seeking its third straight victory and fifth in a row for LAPD. No other department has ever won five straight races—LAPD is tied with LASD with four consecutive (1992-95 by Central

Jail)—and the department has won eight of the 15 previous races.

Thirty-one LAPD squads have entered the fray: Air Support/Training, Anti-Terrorist, Communications, Custody Division Old-timers, Central Central Traffic Operations, Central Bureau, DARE, Devonshire, Foothill, Harbor, Hollenbeck, Hollywood, Management Services, Metro Blue, Metro Red, Narcotics

Group, Newton, North Hollywood, Northeast, Pacific/West Traffic, Rampart, Reserves, Retired, 77th Street, South Traffic, Southeast, Southwest, Transit Group, Van Nuys, West Los Angeles, West Valley, and Woodland Hills.

Venturing from afar to make the trek through the desert will be teams from the Arizona Attorney General's Office, Calgary (Canada) Police Services, Dallas (Texas) Police Dept., Houston (Texas) Police Dept., Navajo Dept. of Law Enforcement (Arizona), New York State Troopers, Reno (Nevada) Police/Washoe County Sheriffs, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Salt Lake City (Utah) FBI, Salt Lake City (Utah) Police Department, San Jose Police Dept., Spokane County (Washington) Sheriffs Dept., and St. Paul

(Minnesota) Police Dept. Also running this year is an invitational team from the United States Marine Corps.

A reminder to all LAPD and other teams: The goal is to have every runner bring with them a new children's book meant for someone in grade K-12, which will be donated to the library at Baker High School. Race organizers hope to collect 4,000 books as a way of saying thanks to the residents of Baker for their hospitality over the last 16 years.

We'll have a final pre-race article in next month's issue. For further information on the Baker to Vegas Relay, contact Athletic Secretary Agnes Miranda at (323) 221-5222, ext. 219, or log onto www.bakerveregas.com.

BAKER TO VEGAS CHALLENGE CUP RELAY OPEN CATEGORY WINNERS 1985-1999

1985	LAPD CENTRAL AREA (old course)	14:16:57
1986	LASD Special Enforcement Bureau	13:26:58
1987	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	Halted due to snow
1988	LAPD HOLLENBECK AREA	13:00:02
1989	LAPD PARKER CENTER	13:12:02
1990	LASD Central Jail	13:03:31
1991	FBI Los Angeles	12:57:41
1992	LASD Central Jail	12:53:37
1993	LASD Central Jail	12:42:17
1994	LASD Central Jail	12:58:48
1995	LASD Central Jail	12:56:37
1996	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	12:41:29
1997	LAPD TRAINING/AIR SUPPORT	13:12:37
1998	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:40:23
1999	LAPD METRO DIVISION (RED TEAM)	13:10:39

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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

Hello race fans. Are you ready for a whole new Police and Fire Motocross Nationals season? Well your dedicated LAPD MX team sure is! Our FMF tuned racing machines are sportin' new skins from Zing Graphics, new acces-

brand of therapeutic assistance for lost souls, helping them appreciate life as they know it. The first two races of the season will be on Monday and Tuesday, April 3rd and 4th, at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, very close to the San Bernardino Sheriff's EVOC facility. There is always a great time to be



sories from Factory 909 and only the best in suspension from Pro Action. This year all of our racers are decked out in Troy Lee Designs race wear, some are boxing their buckets in Bell helmets, and Officer Swisher is scoping the tracks through SPY goggles and sunglasses. These amazing sponsors are just the ingredients our department team was needing to take control of the podium throughout the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals in the year 2000. There are currently four rounds of this series scheduled, but they are working on adding two more rounds of Motocross and a Grand Prix, or desert race to separate the mid-life crisis crowd from the hard core moto maniacs. This is not to say that the mid-life crisis sufferers aren't welcome. Motocrossers always enjoy providing their special

had for the whole family at these races so we invite all of you to put these dates down in red and come watch us thrash our competitors all over the beautiful national track. There is also a new benefit Police and Fire Motocross race coming up in Oklahoma, and we would just love to show those Midwest hicks our West Coast tricks. So if you have any sponsorship, advice or just support, drop Officer Rich Swisher/ATD or Officer Rob Cosner/CTD a note or e-mail and they will get back to you promptly. For more information on the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals, click your way over to "firepolice-mx.com" and get the full scoop for yourself. Our next team riding day is March 23, 2000, at Glen Helen. We will park at the highest point of the parking lot on the north end. See ya at the races!

Women's Soccer Team Needs You!

by Shannon Paulson

The LAPD Women's Soccer Team will begin the 2000 season next month and participation is open to new players of all skill levels. The season generally runs from early Spring through September and this year includes league play, as well as the following law enforcement competitions:

- **April — Secret Service Indoor Tournament, Washington, D.C.** This will be the first year LAPD sends a team to this 5-on-5 competition.
- **June — California Police and Fire Games, San Bernardino.** LAPD won gold medals in 1997-98, and silver in 1996 and 1999.
- **September — North American Police Championships, St. Louis.** LAPD finished second in 1996, third in 1997, fourth in 1998, and fifth in 1999.

The team began play in 1996 and competed in the first-ever women's soccer competition at the California Police Summer Games (winning a silver medal). Later that year the squad traveled to Abbotsford, British Columbia, for its first international tournament (representing not only LAPD but also the United States as the only American team entered).

The Women's Soccer Team surprised many that year, taking home a silver medal after beating Toronto PD in a nail-biting semifinal match that went to double overtime, sudden death, and then a shoot-out. In the championship match it lost a brutal game to Vancouver PD, a team that proved to be the North American powerhouse for the next several years.

Since that beginning the team has consistently proven itself a serious medal contender in local, state and international competition. It hopes to regain the gold at this year's first-ever combined Police and Fire Summer Games, and to work toward bringing the North American Championship title home to Los Angeles for the first time (especially since it has put in a bid to host the event in 2002).

The Women's Soccer Team consists of sworn players from all ages, ranks and skill levels. Anyone interested is welcome to join and enjoy camaraderie and competition within the soccer forum.

For more information, contact Sgt. Shannon Paulson by sending a note to the Department Command Post (c/o Communications Division) or by calling (213) 485-2504 (AM Watch).

LAPRAAC Golf Tourney Set March 10; Wilshire Wins January Competition

Hoping to beat January's record turnout of 60 duffers, the next LAPRAAC Golf Tournament will be held Friday, March 10, at Harding Course in Griffith Park. Fee for this event is \$45 per golfer and includes green and cart fees and prizes for high net and gross, low gross, closest to the pin and longest drive.

Nine teams turned out for the first tourney of the millennium, held January 28 at Wilson Course (also at Griffith Park). When the final ball fell into the cup Wilshire claimed the win, edging out second place Northeast by four strokes. Other teams competing were Central Traffic, Devonshire, Internal Affairs, Rampart, Southeast, Transit Rail and West Traffic.

In individual play Kenny Korn (Northeast) won the prize for Low Gross with a score of 82 while Steve Nielsen (Central Traffic) took Low Net with a 65 (Eli Villasenor's 125 earned him a prize for the high gross score). There were also several cash prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive.

Anyone interested in participating at the March tournament should call

Jeanne Schwab, Athletic Secretary at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. It is not required that fees be paid at the time of the phone call; however, it is necessary

JANUARY GOLF TOURNEY- TEAM RESULTS

Team	Net Score
Wilshire	301
Northeast	305
Southeast	311
Devonshire	316
West Traffic	321

to get your reservations as soon as possible so that proper arrangements can be made with the golf course.

Sal Jaramillo, chairman of the LAPRAAC Golf Club, extends a warm invitation to all full-time civilian members of the department to participate in the bi-monthly tournaments. For more information on the LAPRAAC golf program, contact Schwab at the above number or e-mail her via the LANS system at Serial No. 8306.

2000 LAPRAAC GOLF CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, March 10, 0900 hours - Harding Golf Course, Griffith Park

Friday, May 19, 1000 hours - Alondra Golf Course, Lawndale

Friday, July 21, 1000 hours - Whittier Narrows Golf Course, Whittier

Friday, Sept. 15, 1100 hours - Knollwood Golf Course, Granada Hills

Thursday, Nov. 9, 1000 hours - California Country Club, Whittier

Fee for all tournaments is \$45 per golfer except for the last one of the year.

The November 9 event at California Country Club is \$80.

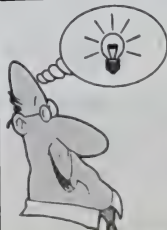
includes a special post-tournament luncheon, and will have a shotgun start.

All tournament fees include green and cart fees and prizes.

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RETIREMENT NEWS



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P-III Kirk J. Buchanan 16332 DARE	29
D-II Joe Legaspi 16444 Narcotics	29
SGT-2 Timothy G. Anderson 17159 Metropolitan	28
LT-II James W. Razukas 17575 Narcotics	28
D-III Dwaine L. Roberson 17806 Newton	28
P-III Martin J. Feinmark 20403 Personnel	27
P-II+2 Gregory J. Taylor 20888 West Traffic	25
LT-I Christopher West 21130 West L.A.	25
D-II Edward S. Shore 21166 Narcotics	25

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The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from the beautiful Central Coast. The Fuzz's activity begins as we move into the month of March. The recent rains along our coast have created some beautiful, green rolling hills. If you are an early riser, the sunrises have been magnificent, if you miss the early show, the sunsets fill in nicely in the evenings.

The next Fuzz luncheon will be a super one. Our guest speaker will be recently retired Commander **Tim McBride**. Cmdr. McBride has had a long colorful career, which included patrol, vice, administrative assignments, detectives and specialized units including two tours at Air Support Division, where he was a command pilot and subsequently the Commanding Officer. Among his many talents, Cmdr. McBride is considered an expert on Community Based Policing, and has lectured extensively on the well-documented North Hollywood bank shootout. We all look forward to having Cmdr. McBride break bread and down a few cups of coffee with us. Any LAPD & guests are welcome to join us. Brian Galbraith is our contact guy at 805-929-8248.

Location: Shore Cliff Restaurant, 2555 Price St., Pismo, Beach, CA

Date & Time: March 23, 2000, Social Hour, 1100 Hours and Lunch at noon

Menu: Green salad, roasted pork loin, red potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, etc.

Cost: All the above, including LAPD fellowship where you can hear great war stories (some actually happened) for a measly 14 bucks! Brian Galbraith, our fearless leader advises that if you are a chicken person, contact him at the above number and like magic he will turn your pork into a little unfeathered bird. What a guy!

Well, it's that time to list our super membership in the Fuzz, just in case you have forgotten who's enjoying

retirement up here or down here depending on where you are. Last names are in bold, so here goes: Geraldine Auth, Robert & Dorothea **Ballou**, David & Claudia **Bannister**, Dick & Ruby **Beauchaine**, Frank & Flo **Beeson**, Carl & Lucille **Birk**, Walter **Boronich**, John **Bradbury**, Charles & Audrey **Brown**, Bob & Delores **Byron**, John & Anna **Calderwood**, Freeman & Nellie **Calvert**, Jack O. **Carter**, Jack & Margie **Collins**, Joe & Myrl **Cornwell**, George & Susan **Courtney**, Wesley & Marie **Crawford**, Dave & Kitty **Crockett**, Bob & Marilyn **Darnell**, Edward & Bobbie **Davis**, Cliff & Lorraine **De Bernardi**, Greg & Margaret **Dossey**, Fred G. **DuBrutz**, Terry & Sherrie **Ellis**, Harold **Epling**, Dave **Frazier**, Brian & Cathy **Galbraith**, Patty **Olear/Gansemmer**, John & Mary Ann **Georgi**, Richard **Gingras**.

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It's a great gathering, come and join us.

Take care, catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com.

KMA

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd H. Yandle

Well we made it without a hitch. Now the only thing we have to worry about is 2100. I for one don't think my heart can stand another jolt like they gave us for the 2000. Oh well, I'm not going to worry about it. Are you? We had a great luncheon on January 12, 2000. We had 138 in attendance. Just a nice size crowd. We had a great meal as usual. I thought the baked fish was exceptionally good.

We had a great informative guest speaker. Too bad half of the group left before the good stuff came out. I guess they thought "Oh this is another one of those deals where we have to put up some money." On the contrary. All the person was putting out was the info to let us all know how to keep the government, state and any other vultures from tapping into our life savings. And this is the good part: It don't cost a dime out of our pocket. Most of you that have living wills, living trusts and anything like that, thought when you had them made out and filed you were home free. No one could touch your life savings. Well, think again. It's being done every day unless you are in the know and can stop it. These guys didn't ask for money. Not a cent. They get their money from the big companies. You'd have had to stay to find out. They are known as Pro Elite Senior Services, Inc. Devine, who is corporate principal for all of California, and Rob Smith, advocate for seniors, who is located in Temecula, California. James Devine can be reached at 800-287-8777 and Rob Smith at 909-587-0494 or e-mail rise@eonramp.com.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hundreds of cards and letters we received as a result of Beverly being in the hospital with all

her problems. I was getting eight to ten a day and as high as 25 one day, not to mention all the calls from all of you on my answering machine. It was just wonderful to know you have many who care. As for an update on Beverly, she is still in the hospital in Ontario. She has progressed very slowly, but she now has congestive heart failure and pneumonia. They now tell me she has an enlarged heart. They cannot give her physical therapy because of her right leg. It is healing very slowly, but progress has been accomplished. Also, her bed sores that she received due to incompetent nursing at the former hospital are also progressing very slowly. She experiences a lot of pain when they move her. I see her every day from 6 to 8 hours and I will keep it up if I don't give out. Thanks for all your prayers. Keep them coming. We need all the help we can get. I think someone is listening up there.

The next luncheon for the Inland Blue Line will be—and please note—on the first Wednesday of April. That will be April 5th due to my great helper, Wilma **Hyden**, who will be out of the country from Oct. 8th until May 1st. She is going to Europe to see her daughter and grandchildren. So mark your calendar now. It will be at the **Audubon Restaurant**, 2524 E. Florida Ave. in Hemet (God's waiting room), Calif. The price is still \$10. Don't know who the speaker will be but I hope I can get Chief Gates. I'm working on it. If he comes it will be a sell-out crowd and I know he will enjoy it. So for further info, call yours truly at 909-925-4491.

Be careful, buckle up. It's a jungle out there and we need you around for a while.

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on March 15, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St. in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had a full house of 36 at the January 19th luncheon. The attendees were **Al Anderson** (5889), **John Becker** (5059), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ed Elliott** (4703), **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Bob Gibson** (4585), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Carl Hegge** (6234), **John Kepke** (4603), **Matthew Klein** (24736), **Bud Long** (6680), **Don Lyon** (6575), **Royal MacGregor** (5004), **Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **George Moore** (10565), **Ernie Neuman** (5268) and wife **Mary Paul Nicholas** (4047), **Joe Nieznalski** (5014), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Bob Pratt**

(3080), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Dustin Splaine** (7183), **Stu Stremsterfer** (4394), **Mel Tousseau** (3270), **Dean Warner** (5682), **Richard Weaver** (11181), and **Earl Wells** (6297). Anderson and Pratt were first-time attendees. Bob Pratt was hoping to see and visit with **Jack Halstead** as they had worked together in AI (31T) out of Figueroa St. Station. Ernie and Mary Neuman, Gig Harbor, WA, are visiting and plan to come to the February and March lunches before returning to Washington.

In January, two policemen who worked in the Valley passed away: **Wally Gudzus** and **Oliver (Ollie) Lashar**. Wally was living in Panorama City and had not been to our lunches. Ollie lived in Palm Desert and had attended the lunches prior to moving to Palm Desert approximately 10 years ago.

Our meetings are always the third Wednesday of each month. Call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want more information.

Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

Happy St. Patrick's Day 2000

"Sure 'n begorah" if you're not ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, then you won't be celebrating with probably the best excuse you'll be havin' all year! I'm allowed because on "me Mother's side" is the family Kane. The other side is French, and they don't seem to celebrate as much! So get to "the wearin' of the green"! Erin go Bragh!

By the time most of you read this **Blue Line** in early March I will have retired for the last time! My career in law enforcement began on April 29, 1957, as a rookie LAPDer and ended March 3, 2000. What a "ride" that has been. If I could have planned the whole "thang," it wouldn't have come out as well as it did. Before I resigned from the Riverbank, CA. Chief's job, **Lew Ritter** asked to come to work for him at the Lottery. "Just five years, Bernie. That's all I ask. Just five years." Well I ended up staying 14 years! My wife, Judy, gave me a new set of golf clubs for Christmas, so I'm gonna try 'em out! Everyday!

Another new development of things happening here in "Sacramento"! After over 10 years of monthly luncheons, I'm rather sad to report that **SABLA** is reducing the number of our luncheons to 7 a year! We will still meet on the second Thursday of the month, but on the "odd" months, beginning right away. So March 9th will be next, then May 11th, then July 13th, and so on. Most ex-LAPDers are odd anyway! So you should be able to remember—ODD!

We will still have our Christmas celebration on the 12th month—December *that is, but from now on we'll be gathering for the "odd" months only.*

I don't believe that any one thing caused us to vote for the change. Maybe it was too much of a good thing. Maybe it was a need for a change to another format. Maybe we need some "new blood" to offer a new direction. And just maybe we'll find out how much we miss being together every month. But we took a vote and the majority rules in a democratic society. We will continue to use the **Blue Line** to keep you in touch

with the retired LAPD guys & gals from the Sacramento area.

And, of course, we'll still be telling everyone about all of you LAPDers that visit us from all over the U.S.A. from time to time. Don't let this cutback scare you away. We'll still be here. Just remember, odd months.

At our January luncheon, we saw **Bob Keel** for the first time since his heart surgery. You'd never know that he had a sick day in his life. He claims that Mercy San Juan Hospital in Sacramento is the best for heart problems and corrective surgery. The doctors told him his years of competitive bicycle riding greatly contributed to his rapid recovery. So get those bikes out you old-timers, and get going!!

Also in January we saw **Ellie Kuehn** with **Carl** and **Wilma** with **Hoy Key**. Which reminds me . . . we saw **Mike Brandt** in January and all of us are still wondering. Why don't you ever bring your wife, **Audrey**, to a **SABLA** luncheon, Mike? We see other guys bring their wives and lady friends, but we only see Audrey at the picnics! I'm sure she'd love to come to a luncheon, if only you would ask her! Also Mike, what's this



Left to right: Nate Iannone, John Powers, Bob Devin, Hal White and Roy Lauritzen.

about you running in a marathon in a foreign Communist country?? You need to tell all of us—in confidence of course—the next time you come by the Palomino. The Del Webb Express from Roseville was there with **Hal White**, **Chuck Blogin** and **Charlie Long**. An encouraging phone call to **Hank Seret** might be appreciated. He's had a bout

with pneumonia just before Christmas and now I'm told that he's ill again.

Them x-motor officers (should be x-rated), **Chuck Ward** and **Chuck Crawford**, were busy talking over old times at one table.

Then we saw **John Powers**, **Ray Lauritzen**, and **Nate Iannone** and that group plotting something!



legal if you've got a fishing license! The food will be catered again by the Back Forty BBQ restaurant. **Ed Lewandowski** has promised—NO wind this time. So bring the sun tan lotion and hope for the best! It'll get us out of the house for the day, won't it?

Saturday, June 3, 2000, 1200 hours (noon), to 6:00 p.m. or 1800 hours! Make your plans now. For reservations at our every-other-month luncheons, please call **Ed Lewandowski** at (916) 445-4710 or (530) 626-4248 and tell him your food choice between Marsala chicken, halibut or Cobb salad. If Ed's not there, leave a message. **Hoy Key** has retired from that job! So call Ed to let him know you're coming—at least by Tuesday of that week.

Come break bread with us, **Thursday, March 9th**. Tell a story. Have a beer or glass of wine. A "shooter" if you want! We start at 1130 hours. **Palomino Restaurant**. Watt & El Camino in Sacramento.

If you can't make it to one of our monthly luncheons, write to us at P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. We'll find somebody who can still see well enough, and your letter will be read to all! Don't forget that St. Patrick's Day wearin' of the green!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you. ❖

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

This is the time of the year when it's always great to see our "snowbird" friends return to the Valley. Mike and Elsa McGann were here from Sun Valley, Idaho. Jack and Deane Garrison were down from Beaverton, Oregon, where they are still keeping everyone fit and healthy in their gyms. They are both looking very "fit and healthy" themselves.

We also welcomed a couple of newcomers to our club. Fred Clapp and Barbara Wells have recently moved into Sun City and Rich and Mary Crottsley have chosen Palm Desert over Irvine, Calif. Glad to have you here.

It was good to see George Surber and Jay Snow from over the hill in Hemet. Also, Doug Watson, Jon Turner, Steve Hobson, Roger Langner and Creek Williams were faces we hadn't seen for a while.

George Avans keeps everyone smiling here in Palm Desert—literally. He is

in his third career, having been a police officer, an attorney and now a dentist. Of his three careers, he admits being a cop was the most fun.

All these folks plus our regular faithful gathered at the beautiful home of Ron and Bonnie Ellena in Rancho Mirage. They were wonderful hosts.

Door prizes were won by the Garrisons and the Grays. Vicky's of Santa Fe, a wonderful restaurant and a very staunch supporter of law enforcement, donated gift certificates for dinners.

Our next golf tournament will be hosted by Al and Sharon Fried at their club at Woodhaven on March 10th. Please note the change in date from the first flyer. For additional information, contact Sandi Palmer at CVBlueLine@aol.com.

This is the most beautiful time of the year in the Coachella Valley so make any excuse it takes to come out and join us. You're always welcome.



Retirement: Michael "Mike" Partain

Date: April 28, 2000

5:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Dinner

6:45 p.m. Program

Place: Police Academy, Elysian Park

Tickets: \$28.00

(no tickets sold at door)

Deadline: April 21, 2000

Contact: Brenda Benton,
Media Relations Section (213) 485-3586

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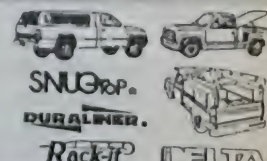
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Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

Notice the dedication, oops . . . on closer inspection I see that indeed it is rain upon the faces of our team guys and dolls. Hmm, better change that to guys and ladies. Sure don't want to get the Feds on my case for not being P.C. Anyhow folks, this team of ladies and gentlemen showed up IN THE RAIN for our regular last Sunday of the month meet and ate up the 10K course at Griffith Park. To be quite candid, the wet stuff wasn't exactly coming down in buckets, and by the end of our run it was

NYPD were Irish and it seemed like every one of them were marching in the parade following the wide green stripe that the city had carefully painted over the center white line. Actually, this was pretty typical of most cities in the east, especially the larger ones of 50-60 years ago as it applied to their ethnicity, police membership and "the Paddy's Day parade."

But not way out west in L.A. Oh, there have been a few years when it seemed like "the Sons of St. Patrick" were trying very hard to establish some traditions but it never really, really ever took off which

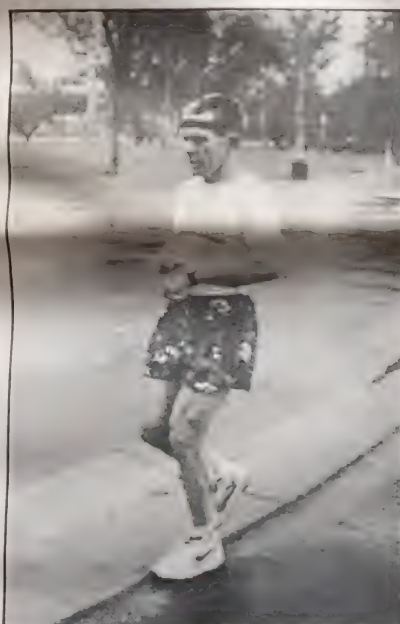


Front row, left to right: Bob Espinosa, Russ Young, Al Shearer, Rudy DeLeon.
Back row, left to right: Pat Dailey, Corky Rochlitz, Virginia Van Holet, Keith Allen

pretty much of a memory but it was still wet and clammy and cool and cloudy. Personally I enjoy running in this type of weather as do many other runners, because it tends to keep you cooled off, cooled down, and except for cars splashing puddles on you big time, and I do mean BIG time, it's more preferable than running in a sweat bath of 80-degree sunshine.

The two pretty faces in the middle of the back row—the back row folks, not the front row—are two retired LAPD ladies who have volunteered to join up with the support function of the team for next month's Baker-Vegas relay race and all around extravaganza. And a welcome sight they are, adding a touch more class to the team especially after looking at the mugs of those dinosaurs surrounding them. Other dinosaurs who ran that day but were temporarily out of camera range were **Bob Carter, Jay Hernando** and **Captain Chuck McTaggart**. Chuck elected to run a 20K practice session and of course that's one of the reasons that he is the captain. Our original picture shows Chuck checking his elapsed time as he crosses the finish line which is just in front of a beautiful, rain kissed, emerald green lawn. The picture lacks only the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with a grinning leprechaun standing by. And that brings me to a closing thought.

My favorite holiday, after Christmas, is St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the day of "the wearing of the green." Growing up in New York City with what seemed like a zillion other "sons of the ould sod," believe me when I tell you that to us, Paddy's Day was every Irishman's special day for laughs and giggles, etc. My folks liked it so much that my youngest brother was not only born on March 17 but then they gave him the middle name of Erin which despite its family heritage he promptly changed when he got older. The parade up 5th Avenue was the biggest social event of the year and we all reveled in it. Usually a third or at least a fourth of the



Old Blue Chuck McTaggart.

was not anyone's fault but there was one obvious reason why . . . there were simply not enough of us Hibernians, hereabouts, period. So support your local Irish American club because we just may be a disappearing breed.

And to all of our Irish sisters, brothers, wanna-bes, OLD BLUE (OLD GREEN??) wishes you the very best on our day. But listen, shh, do you hear them? Stretch your neck a wee bit and listen. Hear them now? It's Bing Crosby, Dennis Day and John McCormick thrilling us all with "I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," "Turra-Lurra-Lurra" and "McNamara's Band." Wouldn't our sainted moms and dads love to hear that again as only Bing, Dennis and John could sing them? Wouldn't that be grand? Ah, memories. Our last training day for the season will be March 26 at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine behind the Griffith Park Ranger Station off of Crystal Springs Road at the baseball diamond. C-U there. P.S. Please pass me another plate of corned beef and cabbage.

Dates to Remember

March

March 3	Marty Feinmark	1700	1800
March 9	Gail Ryan, William Baird, Prudence Wright	1600	
March 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1130	
March 10	Coachella Valley Golf Club Tournament at Woodhaven		
March 12	Bud Koval	1400	
March 13	West Valley Open Golf Tournament (Porter Valley CC)		
March 15	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1100
March 23	Central Coast Fuzz	1100	1200
March 23-24	Cops & Lobsters Fundraiser at Red Lobster (Fallbrook Mall)		
March 24	Larry Kallestad	1800	1900
March 24	Raul La Riva & Gregory Schwen	1700	1830
March 27	East Valley PALS & NoHwd Golf Tournament (Braemar CC)	0900	
March 31	David Muro	1130	
March 31	Christine Cook	1800	1900

April

April 5	Inland Blue Line	1100	
April 5	Retired Fire & Police Association	1000	
April 7	David Nila	1600	1800
April 15-16	Baker to Vegas Relay		
April 28	Mike Partain	1700	1800

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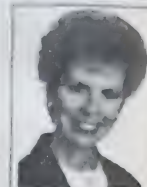
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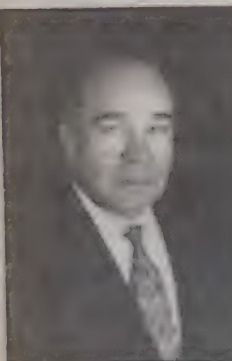
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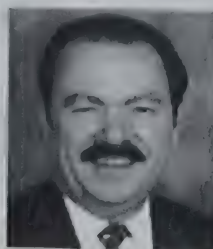
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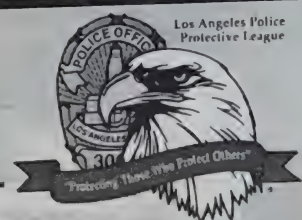
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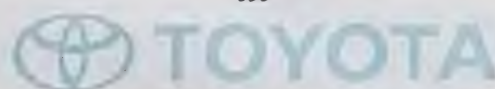
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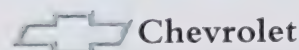


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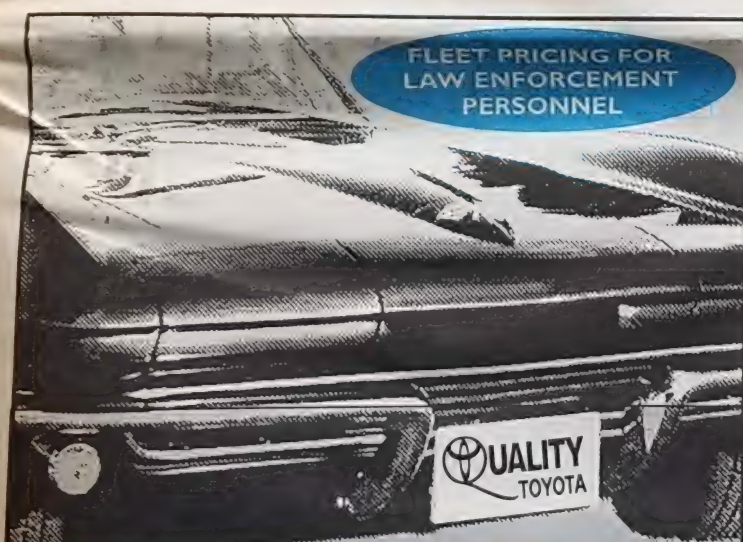
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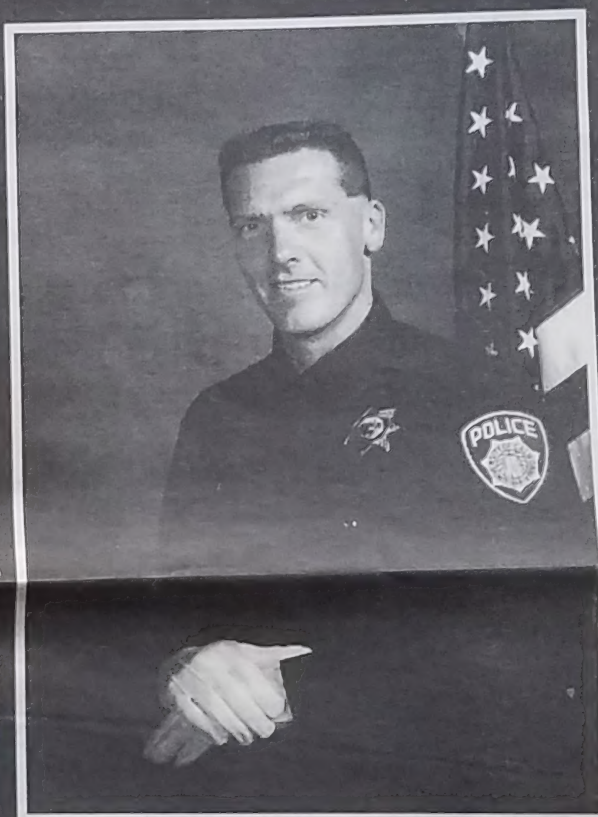


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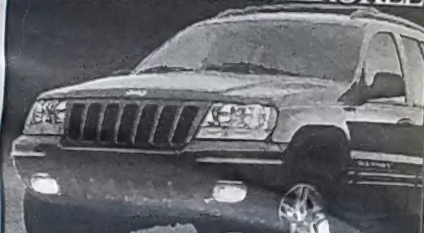
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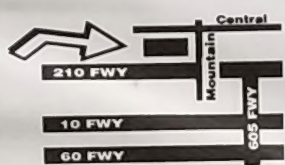
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